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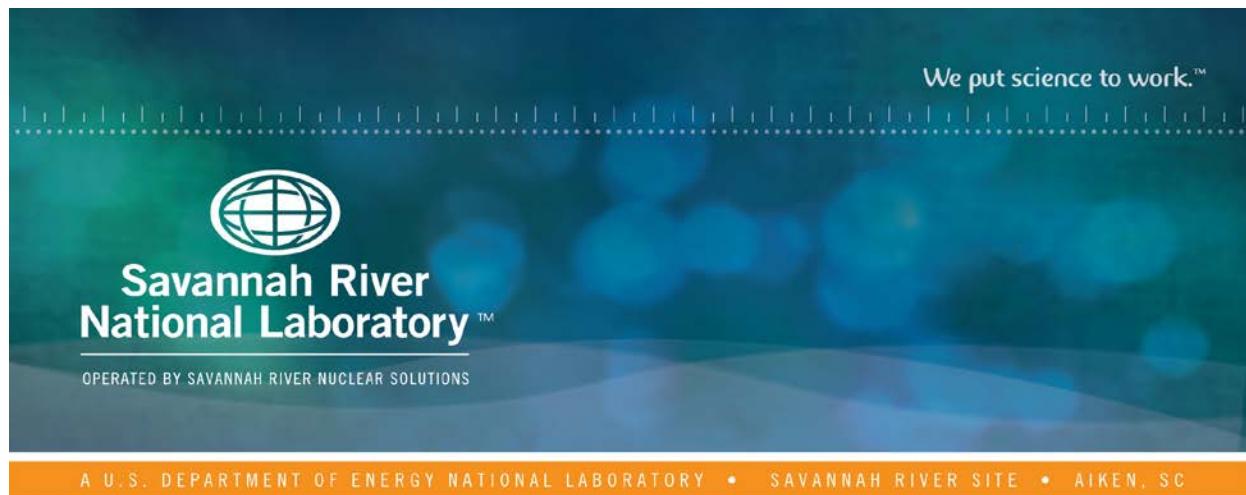
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SRR requested that SRNL develop a two-dimensional computer simulation model to be capable of predicting grout temperatures attained in Saltstone Disposal Units (SDUs) during the transient addition of saltstone grout and its subsequent storage period [2]. A simulation model was developed to calculate the transient grout temperatures of the SDU facility by taking an axisymmetric and two-dimensional Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) approach. The final performance calculations were based on the conduction and radiation model without a convection cooling mechanism for conservative estimate of the grout temperatures and computational efficiency. While convection within the SDU is disabled in the current calculations, the simulation model has the capability of turning convection back on if desired by the user. Hence, the thermal model in its current configuration is best characterized as a finite-volume heat transfer model. However, given that the model can account for convection if desired by the user, it will be referred to as a CFD model. The grout material contains a transient heat source due to the exothermic hydration reactions of the cementitious material mixed with salt solution. The model can predict the transient temperatures at point locations within the poured grout and the overlying vapor space, and at the interior and exterior surfaces of the structure.

The thermal model has been developed for two SDUs at the Savannah River Site (SRS); namely, SDU 2A and SDU 6. SDU 2A is a cylindrical unit measuring 150 feet (ft) in diameter, 22 ft tall, and holds approximately three million gallons of grout. SDU 6 is 375 ft in diameter and 43 ft high with a capacity of over thirty million gallons. Prior to performing the thermal calculations for the SDU 6 facility, the benchmarking test for the smaller SDU 2A unit was performed to establish the solution method and to verify the computational results using existing thermocouple data. Based on the Lagrangian discrete method and boundary conditions established by the SDU 2A benchmarking test, the CFD calculations were performed to predict the transient temperatures at local positions of the poured grout and air spaces within the SDU 6 structure.

From the SDU 2A benchmarking results, it is noted that when the grout level exceeds the approximate height of 17 ft, the model underestimates grout temperatures by about 4°C; this was associated with short idling periods (i.e., no grout addition to the SDU), and is potentially due to the uneven nature of the grout accumulation in the SDU (in comparison to the uniform grout layering in the model), or variations in the saltstone formulation associated with variable raw materials and salt solution composition. Comparing the transient behaviors of the predicted grout temperatures with the SDU thermocouple data, it is concluded that the SDU 2A model provides a conservative prediction with respect to the maximum grout temperatures. In addition, it was confirmed that the computer model overpredicted the maximum grout temperatures in SDU 2A by approximately 10°C. Furthermore, the peak predicted temperature reached by the saltstone is far below the maximum allowable temperature, which is 95°C saltstone temperature per Documented Safety Analysis of the saltstone facility [1].

Based on the solution method and modeling boundary conditions verified by the SDU 2A benchmarking tests, the SDU 6 model was developed for a quantitative assessment of the transient temperatures at point locations within the grout associated with a pour schedule having 12.3 days of continuous pouring followed by 46.6 days of idling time. The modeling results show that when the pouring was started in January, a maximum grout temperature of ~52°C was reached at the end of pouring. The model developed in this study will be used to predict grout temperatures within an SDU for different saltstone pour schedules, SDU designs, and saltstone compositions (with varied thermal properties).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS and NOMENCLATURE

| | |
|------------------|---|
| CFD | Computational Fluid Dynamics |
| SDU | Saltstone Disposal Unit |
| SRNL | Savannah River National Laboratory |
| SRR | Savannah River Remediation |
| SRS | Savannah River Site |
| ' | foot (length) |
| " | inch (length) |
| atm | Atmospheric pressure unit |
| C_p | Specific heat |
| ft | feet |
| g | Gravitational acceleration (m/sec ²) |
| gpm | Gallons per minute |
| h_w | Wall heat transfer coefficient |
| Δh | Grout height increment |
| k | Thermal conductivity |
| p | Air pressure |
| \bar{q}_{cond} | Conductive heat transfer rate per unit area (W/m ²) |
| \bar{q}_{rad} | Radiative heat transfer rate per unit area (W/m ²) |
| T | Temperature |
| t | Time |
| Δt | Time difference |
| v | Velocity |
| r | Radial coordinate |
| z | Axial coordinate |
| ρ | Density |
| τ | Normal or shear stress |
| X | Gravity force per unit volume |

1.0 Introduction

The Saltstone Disposal Units (SDUs) are utilized for the permanent storage of low-level activity waste grout, termed saltstone, produced from the solidification of decontaminated salt waste at the Savannah River Site (SRS). These units are cylindrical concrete tanks that are based on a design used commercially for liquid storage. The present work is focused on the thermal modeling analysis of the SRS disposal units: SDU 2A and SDU 6. As shown in Fig. 1-1, SDU 2A is cylindrical tank that is 150 feet (ft) in diameter, 22 ft tall, and holds approximately three million gallons of saltstone grout. The SDU 6 is a larger scale unit of 375 ft in diameter and 43 ft high with a capacity over thirty million gallons as shown in Fig. 1-2. The hydration process of the grout material produces thermal heat from an exothermic chemical reaction. Due to the concern of the flammable gas generation by organic materials present in the saltstone waste form, it is necessary to keep the grout temperature below 95°C [1]. In this work, several different types of scoping analyses were performed to define the optimal modeling domain boundary including parametric sensitivity calculations of soil thickness and soil conductivity.

The primary goal of the project is to develop a Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulation model capable of predicting temperatures in the SDUs attained initially during the addition of grout (i.e., a hydrating cementitious material containing a heat generation source), and subsequently during the post-pour storage phase. The model shall have the capability to predict the transient temperatures at point locations within the poured grout, the overlying vapor spaces, and the interior/ exterior surfaces of the SDU as shown in Fig. 1-1. The model developed in this study will be used to predict grout temperatures within an SDU for different saltstone pour schedules, SDU designs, and saltstone compositions (with varied thermal properties).

As requested by SRR, the main objectives of the present work are to [2]:

- Develop a computational model to predict temperatures reached in SDU 2A during the saltstone grout addition and its subsequent storage period.
- Benchmark the modeling predictions against grout temperature data measured in SDU 2A.
- Perform a sensitivity analysis with respect to the baseline design and operating conditions such as grout pour schedule and seasonal and ambient conditions.
- Create a large-scale model of SDU 6 based on the modeling parameters established by the SDU 2A benchmarking test results.

The work considers two different disposal units: SDU 2A and SDU 6. Prior to performing the thermal calculations for the SDU 6 facility, the benchmarking test for the SDU 2A unit was performed to establish the solution method and to verify the computational modeling predictions using the SDU 2A thermocouple data. Based on the solution method and the boundary conditions established by the SDU 2A benchmarking test, the CFD calculations were performed to predict the maximum temperatures of the poured grout within the SDU 6 structure.

A CFD modeling approach was taken to achieve the objectives. Based on the modeling domains of SDU 2A and SDU 6, as defined in Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2, a transient axisymmetric two-dimensional approach was taken to compute component temperatures for the SDU domains by using a commercial CFD software, ANSYS-FLUENTTM.

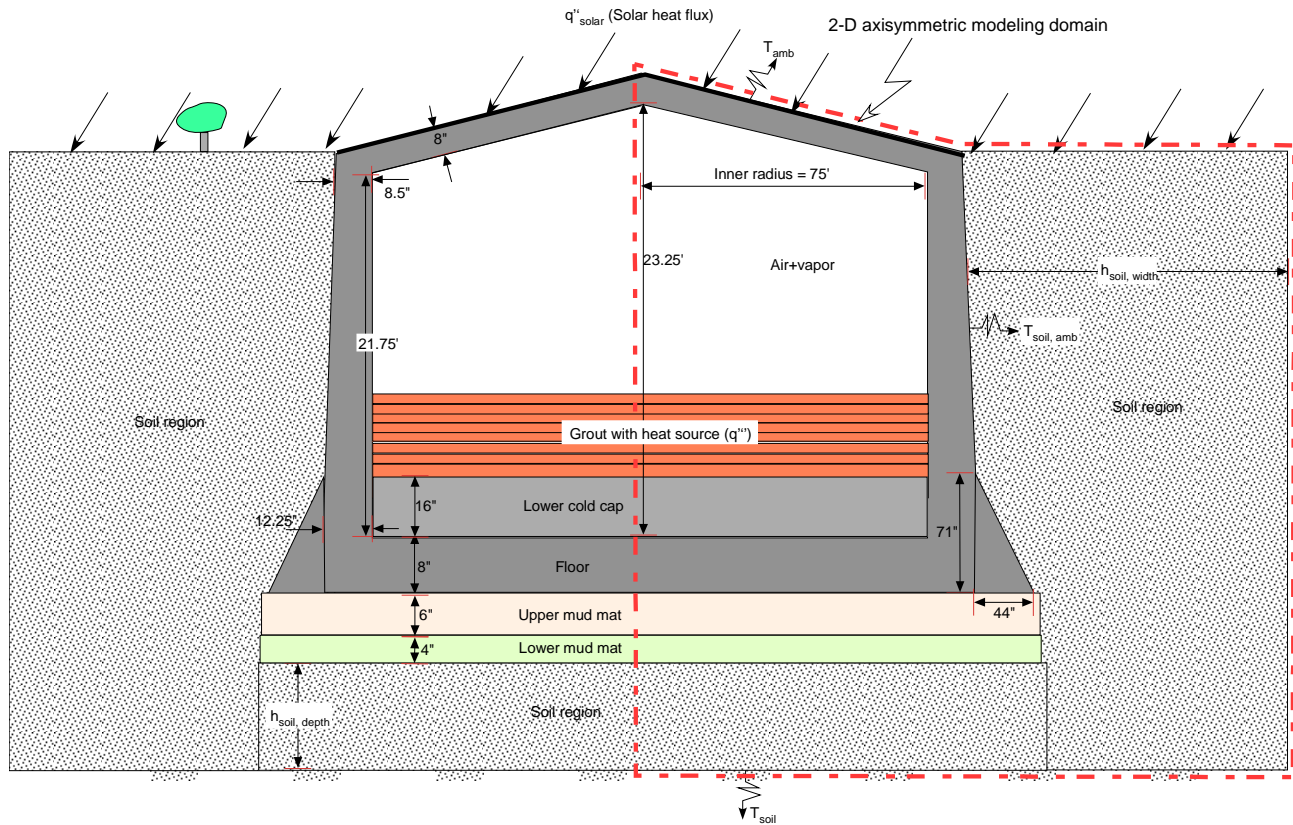
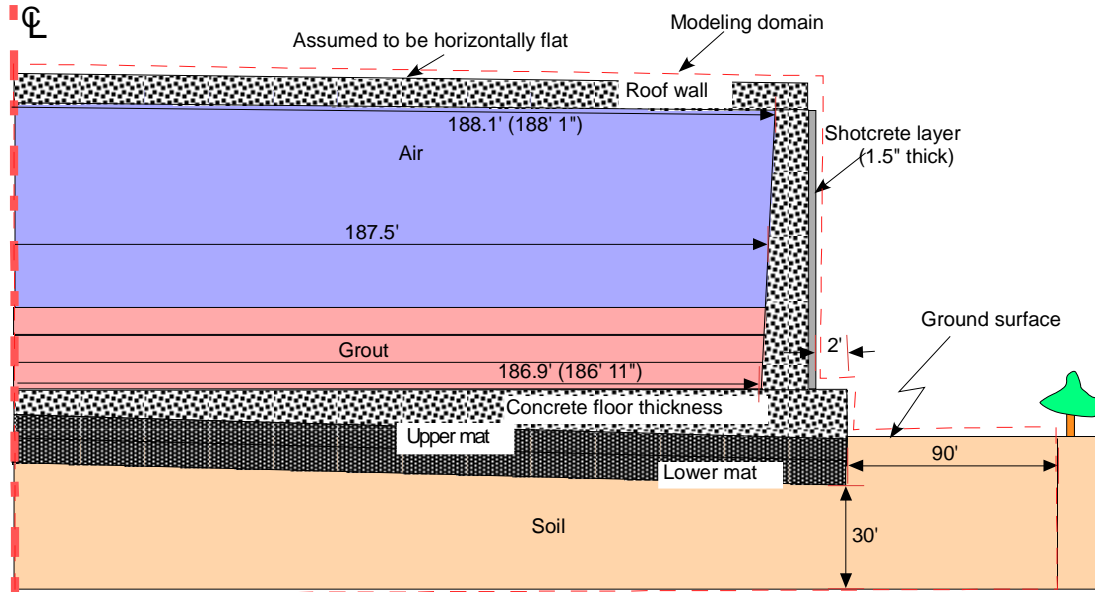


Figure 1-1. Geometrical configurations and modeling domain of the SDU 2A for the thermal modeling analysis (noting that the roof support columns are not included in the model) [3].



Detailed component dimensions for SDU 6:

Concrete floor wall thickness = 1' to 2'; Roof wall thickness = 1'; SDU side wall thickness = 10" to 24"; SDU side inner height = 43'; SDU center inner height = 43'; Upper mat thickness = 6"; Lower mat thickness = 4"

Figure 1-2. Geometrical configurations and modeling domain of the SDU 6 (as modeled for the thermal performance analysis) [6].

2.0 Modeling Geometry and Solution Methodology

The modeling geometry was based on the prototypic dimensions and configurations as shown in Figure 2-1, and it was developed on a LINUX computing platform. As shown in Figure 2-2, the basic solution method was based on a transient CFD model combined with Lagrangian discrete source regions for computational efficiency. In this method, the predetermined air region is replaced by a grout material with hydration heat source as the grout material is progressively accumulated on the SDU floor. The accumulation rate of grout is, of course, dependent on the pour schedule. The air region replaced by grout represents the grout layer accumulated from an SDU pouring schedule. The grout region has a transient heat source term that is generated by the exothermic chemical hydration reaction, and the source term is quantified by experimental work [4]. At the beginning of each pour, a grout layer predetermined by the pouring time was modeled to have a transient heat source corresponding to the middle of the pouring hours.

The benchmarking tests were conducted for SDU 2A. When hydration heat sources (provided by Savannah River Remediation LLC (SRR)) and ambient temperature data (measured at the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL)) are input into the SDU 2A CFD model, the transient modeling predictions were benchmarked against the thermocouple data obtained during a period of approximately 16,000 hours from August 2012 to June 2014. Based on the modeling parameters established by the SDU 2A benchmarking test results, a model of the SDU 6 facility (2.5 times larger than SDU 2A in diameter) was developed to predict the transient temperatures at point locations within the poured grout, the overlying vapor space, and the interior/exterior surfaces of the SDU structure (as shown in Figure 1-2). The model developed in this study will be used to predict grout temperatures within an SDU for different saltstone pour schedules, SDU designs, and saltstone compositions (with varied thermal properties). The descriptions of the solution

2-D axisymmetric modeling domain

q''_{solar} (Solar heat flux)

T_{amb}

k_{amb}

Inner radius = 75"

Air+vapor

Predetermined discretization for the grout region

Grout with heat source (q''')

Soil region

$h_{\text{soil, width}}$

$T_{\text{soil, amb}}$

k_{soil}

$q = 0$ (at the side boundary)

Lower cold cap

Floor

Upper mud mat

Lower mud mat

Soil region

$h_{\text{soil, depth}}$

k_{soil}

$T_{\text{soil}} = \text{constant}$

z

r

21.75"

12.25"

8"

6"

4"

8"

8.5"

23.25"

71"

44"

0

4

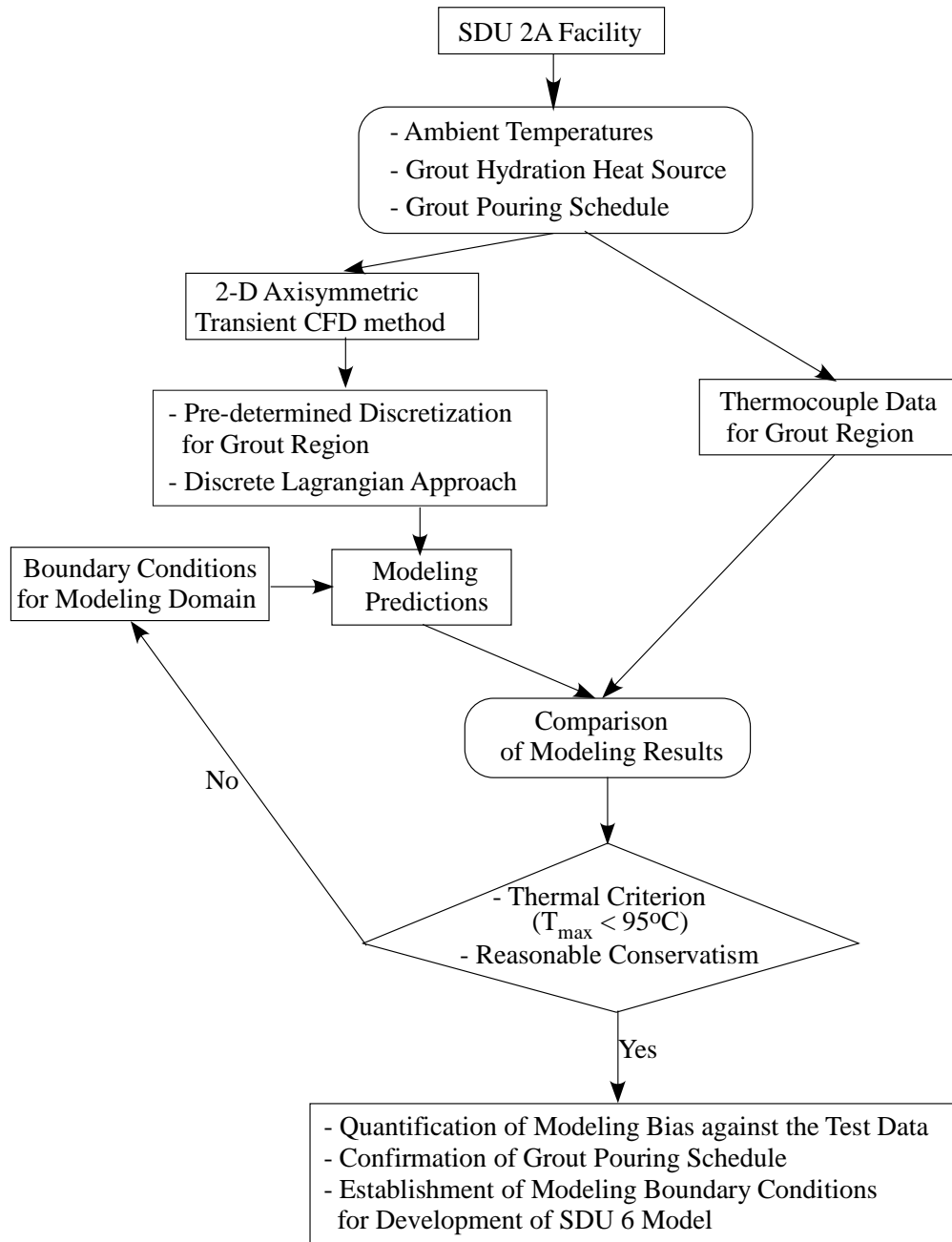


Figure 2-2. Modeling calculations and benchmarking tests of SDU 2A model

2.1 Solution Approach and Governing Equations

The main objective of this work was to develop a computational model to predict the time-dependent temperatures attained within a grout material (in an SDU) during the periods of initial addition of grout and subsequent storage. To achieve the objective, a transient two-dimensional CFD modeling approach was used for the thermal calculations of the SDU grout materials by using a conduction-convection cooling mechanism coupled with radiation. Benchmarking analysis for SDU 2A, and the main performance calculations for SDU 6, were made using the conduction-radiation cooling mode due to its computational efficiency and conservative assessment. The geometrical configurations for the modeling domains for SDU 2A and SDU 6 are shown in Figures 1-1 and 1-2, respectively. The modeling simulations used two-dimensional transient governing equations with axisymmetry assumptions. For the SDU thermal analysis, a transient thermal load (determined by the grout pouring schedule) was assumed to be primarily cooled by a coupled conduction and radiation mechanism for the modeling domain defined by the boundary conditions. The boundary conditions such as ambient conditions and geological domain size around the SDU system are subsequently discussed.

The basic equations governing the thermal energy transport must be coupled with those of fluid motion in order to describe, mathematically, the process of energy transfer for an SDU modeling domain. Thus, a computational model considers heat transfer mechanisms driven by convection and radiation as well as conduction for the vapor space enclosed in the SDU. Temperature decreases rapidly due to the convective and radiative cooling effects within a boundary layer region adjacent to the wall surface, as provided in the literature [7,13]. The boundary layer flow is a buoyancy-induced motion resulting from body forces acting on density gradients which, in turn, arise from temperature gradients in the vapor space of the SDU. It is virtually impossible to observe pure heat conduction in a gas medium because as soon as a temperature difference across the interface of grout wall and vapor gas inside an enclosed SDU is imposed on the gas, natural convection currents occur as a result of density differences. In this case, it is noted that if an SDU model containing a transient heat source does not consider a convective cooling mechanism due to the buoyant gas motion, the predicted grout temperature may be higher than in reality because of a reduced thermal dissipation of the grout heat into the soil and ambient air. However, a temperature change due to the neglect of the natural convection is expected to be small because of the low range of the SDU temperatures considered here. The relative importance of the different grout cooling mechanisms was not explicitly assessed.

When natural convection due to the air temperature differences is considered for the enclosed air space above the grout layer of the SDU, a full set of mathematical equations can be provided that govern the transient heat transfer problem over the modeling domain of the SDU under the axisymmetrically two-dimensional cylindrical coordinate system.

For the mass continuity,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho r v_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v_z) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the momentum balance equations with a shear stress τ along the radial r-direction and axial z-direction of the cylindrical coordinate system,

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} - \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r \tau_{rr})}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial (\tau_{rz})}{\partial z} \right) + X_r \quad (2)$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r \tau_{rz})}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial (\tau_{zz})}{\partial z} \right) + X_z \quad (3)$$

The first terms on the Left-Hand Side (LHS) in Equations (2) and (3) are transient momentums per unit volume. The second and third terms on the LHS of the equations are rate of momentum increases per unit volume, and the first and second terms on the Right-Hand Side (RHS) of Equations (2) and (3) represent pressure and shear stress forces per unit volume along the radial and axial directions, respectively. The parameter, τ_{rr} , in the equations is normal stress on the r-face, and τ_{rz} the axial z-directed shear (or tangential) stress on the r-face resulting from viscous forces. All the parameters of the momentum equations are defined in the Nomenclature section. For the present modeling domain, as shown in Figures 1-1 and 1-2, the gravity forces per unit volume along the horizontal r-coordinate are zero, $X_r = 0$, and the gravitational term of the momentum equation along the vertical z-coordinate, X_z , is used to include buoyancy-induced natural convection. The work neglects all variable property effects due to temperature changes in the governing equations except for air. The thermal conductivity of air is considered to be dependent on temperature, and air density is approximated as an ideal gas under 1 atm. ambient pressure. The gravity term in the z direction in Equation (3), $X_z = -\rho g$.

When the conduction, convection, and radiation heat transfer mechanisms are applied for the evaluation of the thermal performance in the SDU, a transient thermal energy balance equation (under the axisymmetrical and cylindrical coordinate system) can be defined as follows:

$$\rho C_p \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + v_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{q}_{cond} + \bar{q}_{rad}) - \dot{q}'' = 0 \quad (4)$$

The first term in LHS of Equation (4) represents transient thermal response. The second and third terms in Equation (4) are the natural convective terms derived by local air velocities (v_r and v_z) due to the temperature gradient inside the SDU; assuming an enclosed air that follows ideal gas behavior. \bar{q}_{cond} in the energy balance represents conductive heat flux, and the radiation heat flux term, \bar{q}_{rad} , in the equation was calculated by the discrete ordinate method [12]. The last term of the equation is a volumetric heat source generated within the modeling domain. In this work, the heat source predominantly results from the hydration reactions of the grout material, which are provided by the modeling input.

For the present analysis, the convection term was not considered when the SDU air space was assumed to be completely frozen and conductively controlled for a conservative assessment of grout temperatures. As a result of this assumption, the computational time was significantly reduced. Therefore, the present calculations were only conducted for the thermal energy balance, Equation (4), without considering the momentum balance and mass continuity equations. The heat source term, \dot{q}'' , is included in the energy equation, Equation (4), as a model input. Complete setup of the modeling calculations required input parameters, such as the thermal and material properties of the SDU materials of construction, the heat source term, boundary conditions, and domain discretization, along with the established modeling domain and assumptions. These are subsequently discussed.

Modeling calculations were based on the following assumptions:

- The prototypic structure of the SDU facility is approximated to be symmetrical along the vertical centerline for computational efficiency.
- The initial temperature for the interior region of the SDU is assumed to be uniform (26.85°C).
- The vapor space above the grout region is initially stagnant.
- Air is assumed to follow ideal gas behavior.

- Although the thermal model was originally developed by considering a conduction-convection cooling mechanism coupled with radiation, the current calculations do not include convection cooling for conservative assessment and computational efficiency.
- Any movement in the grout region during the grout filling period is assumed to be frozen so that conduction and radiation are dominant as the primary cooling mechanism.
- Transient thermal calculations are based on a completely enclosed SDU boundary; the internal air of the SDU facility has no flow communication with external ambient air through the SDU wall boundary.
- Obstruction effects on thermal transport in the vapor space of the SDU are assumed to be negligible: i.e., 48 roof support columns, each column 14-in. in diameter were not considered in the SDU 2A thermal calculations. Additionally, it should be noted that the roof support columns present in SDU 6 were not considered in the SDU 6 thermal calculations either.
- Condensation effects of vapor inside the free space above the grout region is neglected.
- The grout layer has an evenly distributed hydration heat.
- The top grout surface is horizontally flat.
- The 24-hour average insolation heat is always applied to the external surface boundary of the SDU facility, regardless of the weather or time of day.
- During a pouring period, a transient accumulation of grout material on the SDU floor is considered with the discrete Lagrangian approach; this maintains tracking of the transient history of grout aging with respect to the time-dependent hydration heat of the grout.
- The initial grout volume is based on the cold cap region of a 16-in. height on the SDU floor, but the cap region does not contain the hydration heat source.

Neglecting the thermal impact on the grout layer along the azimuthal direction, the calculations were based on an axisymmetrical two-dimensional approach to simplify the solution method for a large modeling domain of the SDU facility because, at a given elevation above the SDU floor, the thermocouple data show that the grout temperature difference azimuthally is less than a few degrees. The model assumed the grout layer to be accumulated on the SDU floor in radially flat and uniform way. In case of nonuniform formation of the grout layer, the grout region may have a local temperature spike due possibly to uneven height or non-uniform composition of the grout layer with trapped air pockets. In addition, the current model does not consider the conduction paths due to the presence of interior concrete support columns. Neglecting these conduction paths will provide a conservative estimate of the grout temperature. For this work, the condensation effect of vapor gas mixed with air inside the SDU was not considered for a conservative thermal assessment because the heat loss resulting from the phase change of the condensable vapor to water droplet was not included in the energy balance calculation of the SDU domain.

The thermal and material properties of the SDU components are shown in Table 2-1. The SDU 2A grout shown in this table is identical to the “H45-45-10” saltstone simulant prepared using “Tank 50 CY2013 Q1-Q3” salt waste simulant presented in Table 1 and Figure 8 of the reference [20]. The SDU 6 grout shown in Table 2-1 is identical to the cement-free “L60-40” saltstone simulant prepared using “New SWPF” salt waste simulant presented in Table 1 and Figure 8 of the reference [20].

Table 2-1. Material and thermal properties of SDU components (as used for the thermal calculations)

| Materials | Density Kg/m ³ | Specific heat J/kg-K | Thermal conductivity W/m-K | Emissivity [15] |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Air [15] | 0.998 | 1009 | 0.03 | |
| SDU 2A grout* | 1710 | 1940 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| SDU 6 grout* | 1710 | 1960 | 0.74 | 0.9 |
| Concrete [16] | 2250 | 1000 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| Soil** | 1940 | 1141.5 | 1.985 | 0.9 |

Note: * Nominal averaged value [4]

** Averaged value [9]

The empty space above the top surface of the poured grout is occupied by humid air consisting of air and water vapor. An adequate description of the thermodynamic state for the air-vapor-mixture system in the air space of the SDU facility can be provided by assuming the gas mixture follows perfect-gas behavior, and Dalton's Law with respect to the air and vapor pressure as a function of temperature. The mixture relationships are based on the definitions of the quantities involved as follows:

Mole fraction, X_v , of the component vapor in the mixture:

$$X_v = m_v \left(\frac{X_v M_v + X_{air} M_{air}}{M_v} \right) \quad (5)$$

In Equation (5) M_v and M_{air} are the molecular weights for vapor and air, respectively. When gas mole fractions, X_v and X_{air} , for the vapor and air species contained in the SDU space are known, the mass fraction, m_v , of the vapor gas component in the gas mixture can be calculated by Equation (6).

$$m_v = \left(\frac{X_v M_v}{X_v M_v + X_{air} M_{air}} \right) \quad (6)$$

The following relation between the mole fraction and the partial pressure for the vapor exists for a perfect-gas mixture:

$$X_v = \left(\frac{P_v}{P_{amb}} \right) \quad (7)$$

In Equation (7) P_{amb} and P_v , are the ambient total pressure of the SDU space and the partial pressure of the vapor gas, respectively. The partial pressure P_v can be determined using the Relative Humidity (RH), ϕ , which is the ratio of P_v to P_{sat} . For an air-vapor mixture, the mass fraction, m_v , for vapor gas can be obtained in terms of vapor partial pressure and molecular weight ratio of the two gases from Equations (6) and (7).

$$m_v = \left(\frac{\phi P_{sat}}{1.61 P_{amb} - 0.61 \phi P_{sat}} \right) \quad (8)$$

P_{sat} in Equation (8) is calculated by the equation correlated in terms of local temperature, and 1.61 is the ratio of air to vapor molecular weights. Thermal and material properties for the humid air (with 50% RH) were estimated in terms of mass fraction, m_v , assuming the vapor and dry air were homogeneously mixed. All the detailed correlations for vapor and dry air are provided in the literature [15]. The thermal and material properties for dry air and 50% RH air (under the potential range of the SDU air temperatures) are compared in Figures 2-3 and 2-4. As shown in these figures, the thermal conductivity of dry air is about 25% higher than that of vapor for the potential range of SDU indoor temperatures; however, the thermal capacity of the dry air is about 16% lower than pure water vapor. Due to these counteracting physical behaviors, it is anticipated that when the grout hydration heat is cooled by a back-filled gas such as air, the time to reach a certain temperature of the grout surface will not be sensitive to the relative humidity. Thus, the thermal properties for regular dry air were used for the modeling analysis of the SDU.

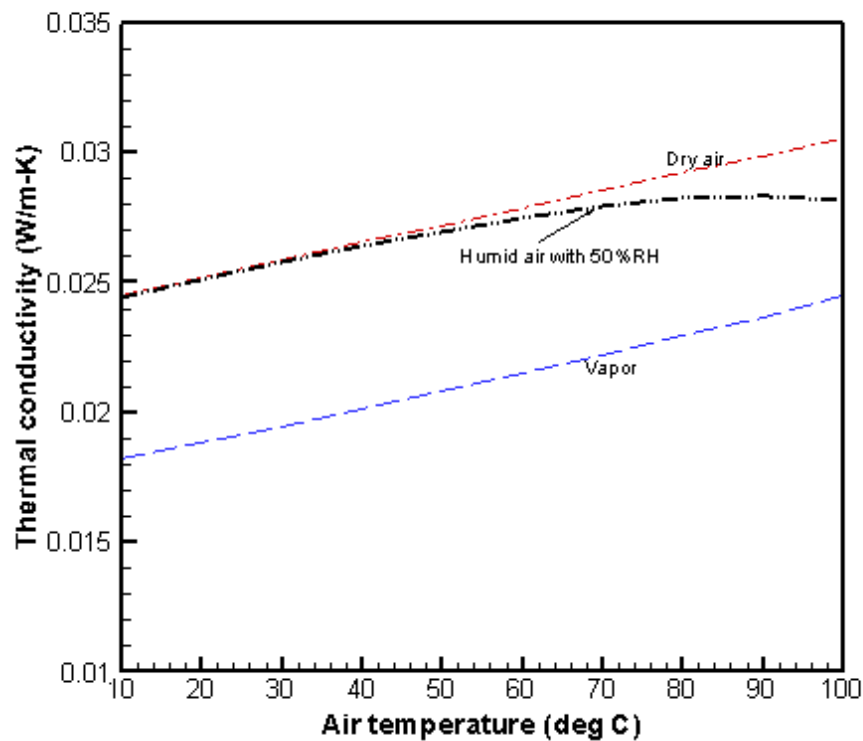


Figure 2-3. Thermal conductivity of air containing 50% relative humidity as function of ambient temperatures for the present calculations.

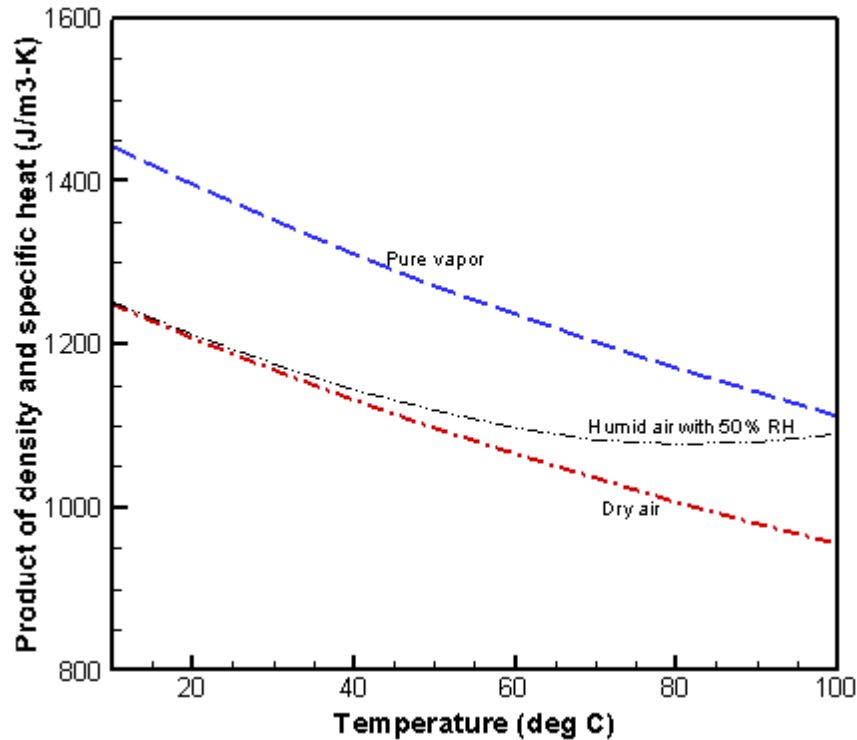


Figure 2-4. Thermal capacities of air and vapor as function of temperature.

2.2 Modeling Domain Size and Boundary Conditions

The modeling domain and component regions used for the thermal calculations are shown in Figure 2-1, and the thermal properties for the components are shown in Table 2-1. The sensitivity calculations were performed to determine the optimum domain boundary. The sensitivity calculations have been made by a cooling mechanism of conduction and radiation as used in the benchmarking test. The sensitivity analysis was focused on the SDU 2A domain because the difference of the domain boundaries between the two units of SDU 2A and SDU 6 is basically at their side wall boundaries: soil-cooled boundary for SDU 2A vs. air-cooled boundary for SDU 6. Thus, there is no need for the sensitivity analysis to determine the optimal domain size beyond the side wall of the SDU 6 model because the side boundary is exposed to the ambient air, and it is provided as one of the modeling boundary conditions.

The nomenclature shown in Figure 2-1 includes a series of parametric calculations for horizontal soil depth below the SDU bottom boundary ($h_{\text{soil,depth}}$), horizontal soil width beyond the SDU side boundary ($h_{\text{soil,width}}$), soil thermal conductivity, and ambient temperature. The soil depth was determined by assuming that the groundwater table acts as an infinite heat sink, and that it maintains a constant temperature. The location of the groundwater region near the SRS SDU facility was obtained from the SRS Environmental Restoration Data Management System (ERDMS: <http://www.srs.gov/deidms/index.html>). From the ERDMS database, the nominal depth ranges 50 to 60 ft. below the ground surface, resulting in average depth of 55 ft. below the ground surface. The corresponding depth below the SDU facility, $h_{\text{soil,depth}}$, is approximately 30 ft. The measured temperature at the groundwater table was 17.4 °C. Thus, the boundary conditions at the domain

bottom were defined as 30 ft. of $h_{\text{soil,depth}}$ and 17.4°C temperature. The ranges of the other sensitivity parameters considered here are:

- Soil thickness ($h_{\text{soil,width}}$): varied from 30 ft. to 270 ft. for a given soil depth.
- Soil thermal conductivity (k_{soil}): varied from 0.25 to 3.72 W/m-K.
- Ambient Temperature Sensitivity (T_{amb}): varied from 70°F (21°C) to 110°F (43°C).

For the sensitivity calculations, a steady state model was applied to the SDU 2A modeling domain of Figure 1-1 with a 30ft. soil depth. The SDU domain has 20 ft. of grout material on the SDU floor containing a volumetric heat source of 1 W/m³. The temperature of the bottom of the soil region was set to 17.4°C. The soil sides are set to be adiabatic. Ambient temperature was set to 100°F. The heat flux from the SDU roof and the earth's surface is 163.2 W/m² [10]. For this analysis, the SDU roof exposed to the ambient conditions was assumed to be cooled by natural convection. For this case, a typical convective heat transfer coefficient at the external wall boundary (h_w) is 1.5 W/m²-K [11,13].

Domain Size of Soil Region ($h_{\text{soil,width}}$): for a given soil depth, a range of different soil width along the horizontal direction beyond the SDU side wall were considered to evaluate the thermal impact of maximum grout temperatures on the soil domain size surrounding the SDU facility. As shown in Figure 2-5, the calculation results show that when the size is larger than 90 ft. from the SDU side wall boundary, the maximum grout temperature is not sensitive to the horizontal soil thickness $h_{\text{soil,width}}$.

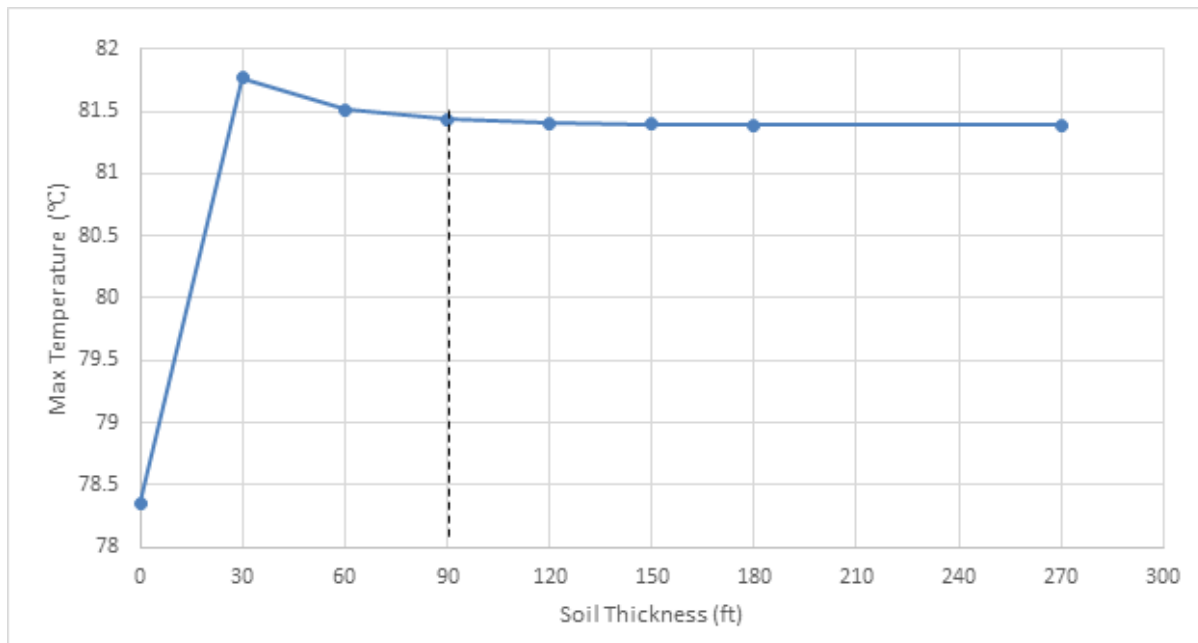


Figure 2-5. Evaluation of the soil width on the computational results

Soil Thermal Conductivity (k_{soil}): based on the established modeling conditions as discussed earlier, a series of sensitivity calculations for different soil thermal conductivities was performed to evaluate the thermal impacts of various soil thermal properties on the SDU facility. A sensitivity analysis for different soil thermal properties with respect to the nominal case of half-saturated soil was performed to determine the impact the soil thermal conductivity on the grout temperature. Soil thermal conductivities can vary from 0.25 to 3.72 W/m-K, depending on the moisture of the soil. As shown in Figure 2-6, the results show that the thermal conductivity of dry sand (0.25 W/m-K [9]) would raise the max temperature by 14°C compared

to wetter soil at a thermal conductivity of 2 W/m-K. Based on this assessment, a median value of the range of the soil thermal conductivities, 1.985 W/m-K, was used for the SDU thermal calculations as shown in Table 2-1.

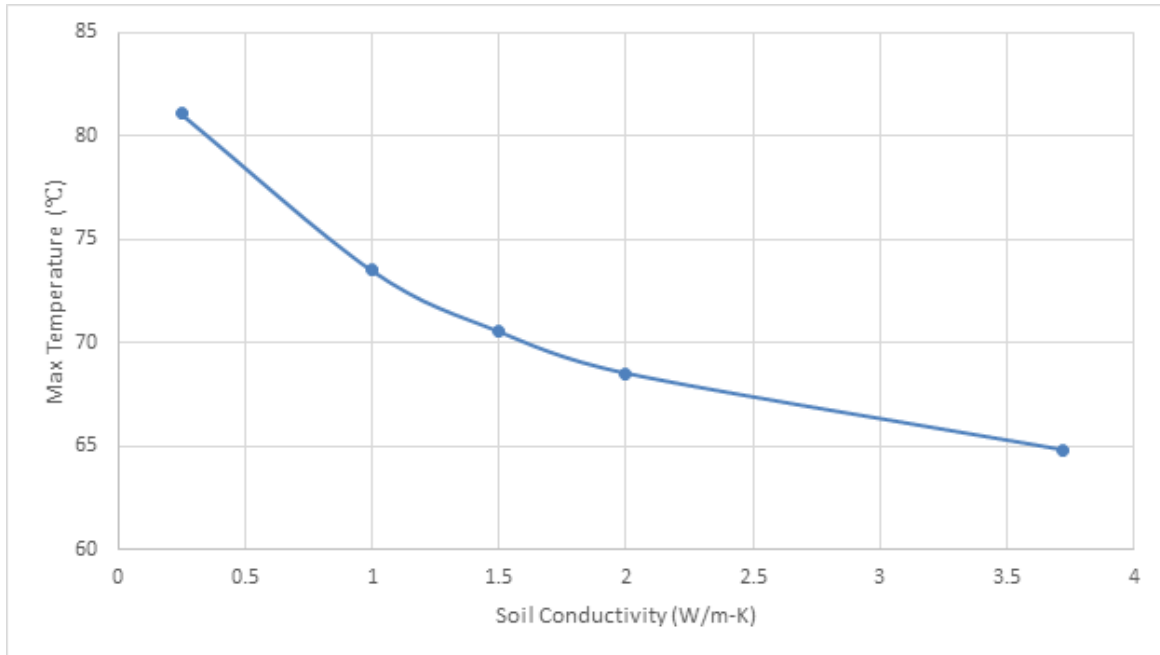


Figure 2-6. Evaluation of the soil conductivity on the computational results

Ambient Temperature (T_{amb}): Sensitivity analysis for different ambient temperatures was performed for the assessment of the thermal impact on the SDU grout temperature under steady state conditions. The average air temperatures surrounding the SDUs typically range 35°C to 38°C during the hotter summer months. As seen in Figure 2-7, the steady state calculation results show that the ambient temperature has a linear effect on the max temperature of the SDU grout as expected. The results show that when ambient temperature increases from 25°C to 35°C, the maximum grout temperature is increased by about 8°C. The corresponding slope is approximately 0.8.

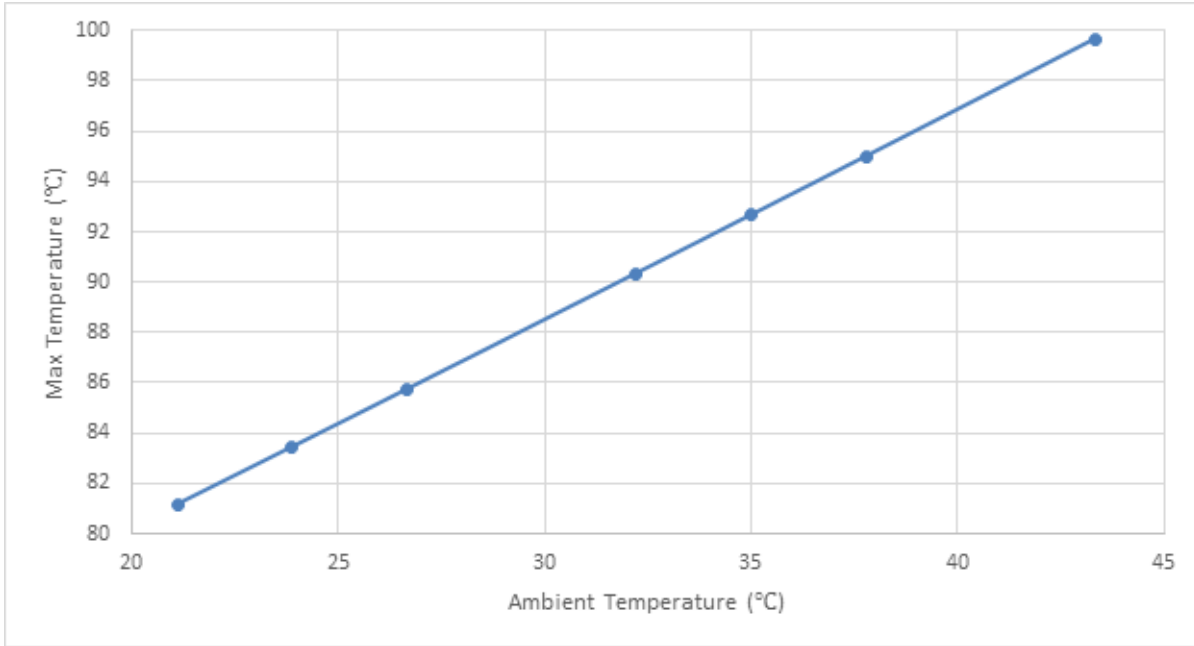


Figure 2-7. Evaluation of ambient air temperature on the computational results

When domain size and boundary conditions are defined as shown in Table 2-2, some of the SDU components are exposed to the SRS ambient conditions, and their thermal responses are dependent on a convective cooling mechanism coupled with daily weather conditions. Figure 2-8 shows the convective cooling mode for a thermal boundary layer established for a wind speed, V_w , on the top external surface of SDU 2A modeling domain (as used for the thermal calculation). The convective cooling rate per unit area, $q_{wall,conv}$, is proportional to the temperature difference between the facility wall and ambient temperatures as shown in Equation (9). The proportional constant is referred to as the heat transfer coefficient, h_w , in the literature. [7]

$$q_{wall,conv} = h_w (T_{wall} - T_{amb}) \quad (9)$$

The coefficient, h_w , was empirically correlated by using a range of different ambient conditions in the literature [7].

$$h_w = 5.678 \left[1.09 + 0.23 \left(\frac{V_w}{0.3048} \right) \right] \quad (10)$$

Where wind speed, V_w , is in m/sec.

Another empirical correlation for wind speed up to 15 meters per second (m/s), equivalent to 34 miles per hour (mph), on a rough horizontal surface [8] is presented:

$$h_w = 3.8 V_w + 7.4 \quad (11)$$

where wind speed V_w is in m/sec.

Figure 2-9 compares two empirical correlations for different wind speeds. As shown in the figure, the heat transfer coefficient, h_w , increases linearly with wind speed when wind speed is less than 15 m/sec (as normally experienced at SRS). Sensitivity calculations were performed to assess the effect of changing

wind speed 1 to 6 mph; the thermal results for the two cases are shown in Figure 2-10. The results show that the grout temperatures are not sensitive to the wind speed. For the present analysis, a wind speed of 1 mph was assumed and the heat transfer coefficient at the external wall surface of the SDU was conservatively estimated as $9 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}$ (as indicated in Figure 2-9).

As shown in Table 2-2, the optimal domain size and boundary conditions for the SDU thermal model were determined from literature information and the sensitivity analysis.

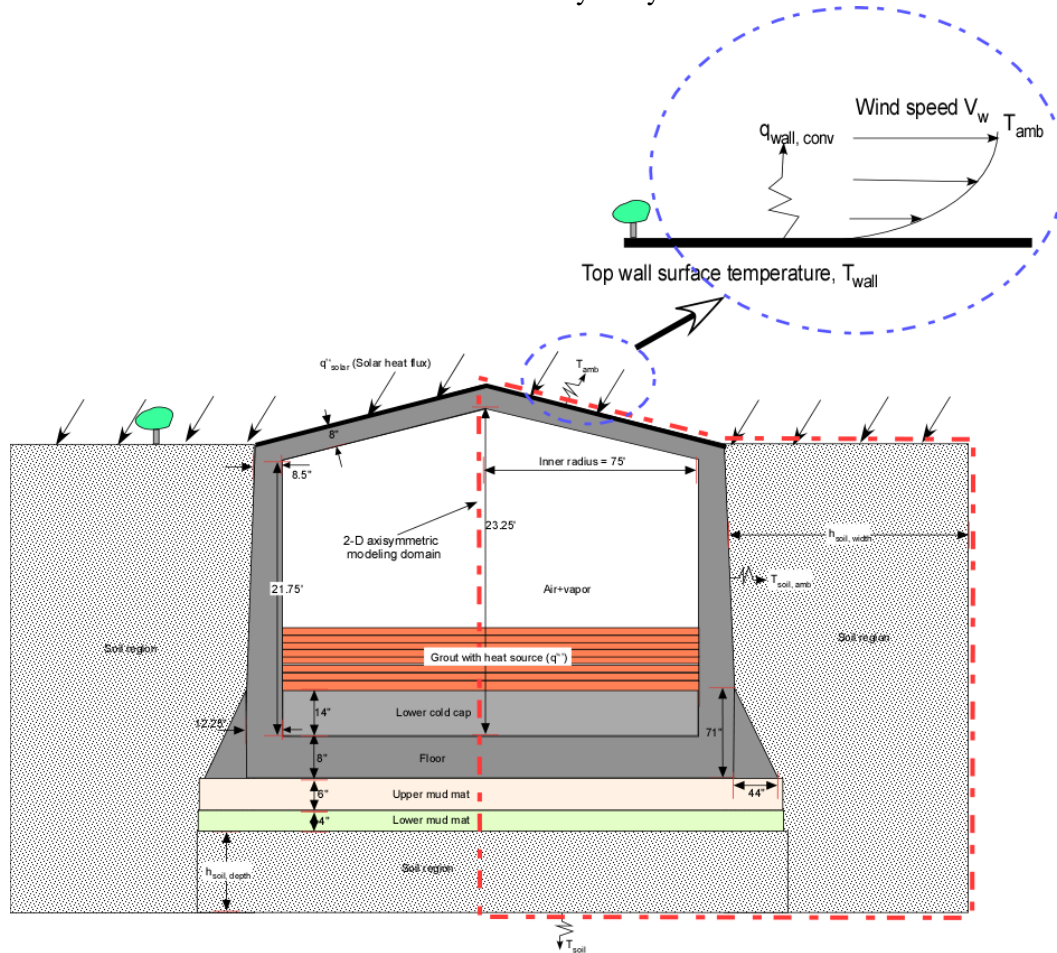


Figure 2-8. Convective cooling mode for a thermal boundary layer established by wind speed V_w on the top external surface of SDU 2A modeling domain as used for the thermal calculations.

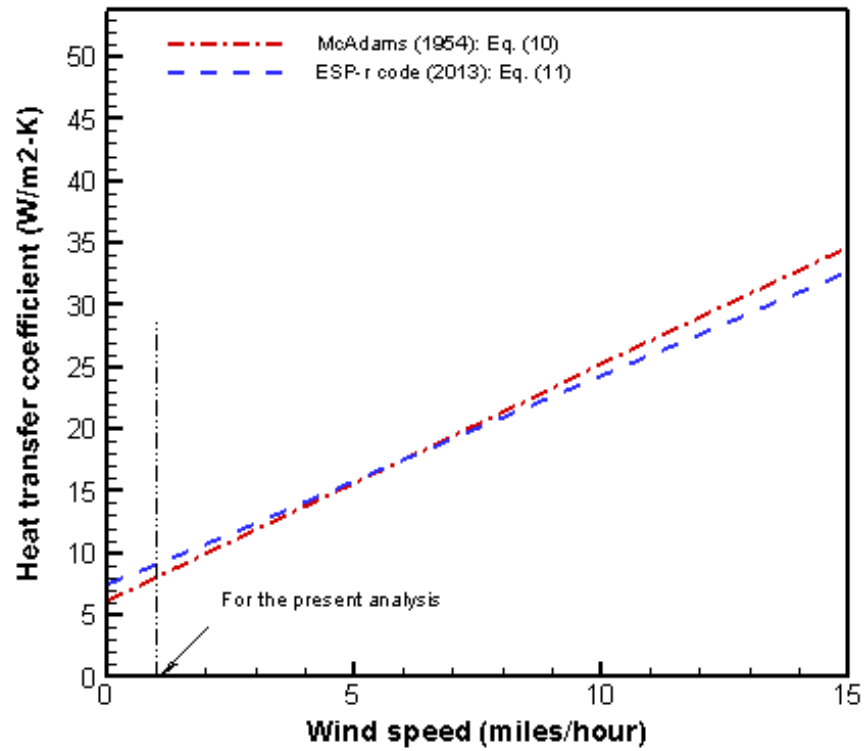


Figure 2-9. Heat transfer coefficients as function of ambient wind speed.

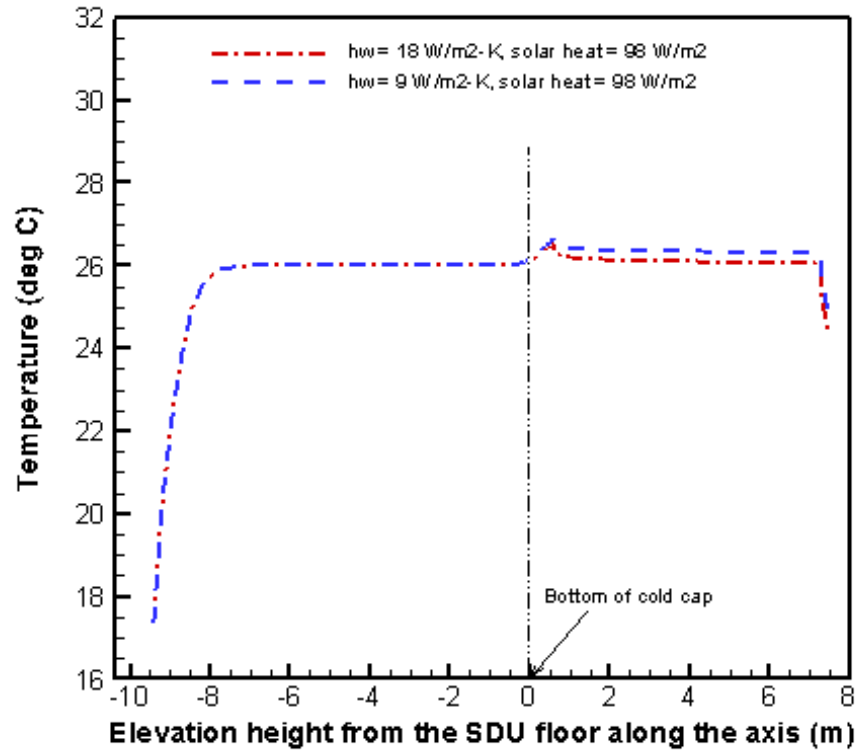


Figure 2-10. Temperature distributions along the vertical centerline

Table 2-2. Domain size and boundary conditions for SDU thermal model

| Parameters (Defined in Figure 2-1) | Values |
|---|--|
| Axi-symmetric boundary | Axially symmetry and no dependency on azimuthal direction ($\left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right _{r=0} = 0$ and $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0$) |
| $h_{\text{soil,depth}}$ [14] | 30 ft |
| $h_{\text{soil,width}}$ | 90 ft |
| T_{soil} at $h_{\text{soil,depth}} = 30$ ft [14] | 17.4°C |
| Heat flux q'' at $h_{\text{soil,width}} = 90$ ft | No heat flow ($q'' = 0$) |
| Wall heat transfer coefficient h_w | 9 W/m²-K |

2.3 Hydration Heat Source of Grout Material

Low activity salt solution at SRS is stabilized via mixing with blast furnace slag, fly ash, and ordinary Portland cement to form a cementitious grout. This grout is then pumped into an SDU in a series of layers where it cures into a low permeability saltstone. During the curing process of the cementitious grout, two types of thermal heat are produced. They are radionuclide decay heat and hydration heat, both of which raise the temperature of the grout emplaced in the SDU. The hydration heat is generated by an exothermic chemical reaction during the grout curing process, and it is highly dependent on chemical compositions of grout material and aging time.

The decay heat is mainly due to the radioactive decay of Cs-137 radionuclide contained in saltstone. The decay heat is estimated to be about 1.9653×10^{-4} W/kg as provided by the reference [19]. Dividing the decay power (1.9635×10^{-4} W/kg) by the specific heat capacity of grout (1,940 J/kg-K) shows that the temperature of the grout would rise approximately 3°C in a year, assuming no heat loss. For comparison purposes, during a grout pouring day (12/14/2012), the max temperature inside SDU 2A rose approximately 15°C during active pouring. SDU 2A was idle the following day (i.e. there was no grout pouring on 12/15/2012) and the max temperature inside the SDU was found to drop approximately 5°C between the 14th and 15th. Hence, the temperature rise experienced in the SDU grout during an one-day pour was considerably higher than the temperature rise expected from rad decay in one year. Furthermore, the temperature drop experienced between the day of the grout pour and the subsequent idle day was greater than the temperature rise that can be generated by rad decay in one year. Therefore, the radioactive decay heat is not considered for the analysis because it is negligibly small compared to the hydration heat. The heat generated by the grout hydration is dissipated into the surrounding SDU concrete wall, and eventually, the grout cools into thermal equilibrium with the underground soil and ambient weather conditions in contact with the SDU boundary.

As shown in Figure 2-11, the grout heat generation is dependent on grout formulation, resulting in different rate of hydration heat generation. For the present thermal calculations, two different sources of the hydration heat were modeled: a 45:45:10 saltstone mixture for SDU 2A (i.e., the saltstone is made using a dry feed consisting of 45% blast furnace slag, 45% fly ash, and 10% ordinary Portland cement) and a 60:40 cement-free saltstone mixture for SDU 6 (i.e., the saltstone is made using a dry feed consisting of 60% blast furnace slag and 40% fly ash). The heat source for SDU 2A was used for benchmarking of the model against the thermocouple data to verify the modeling results. A volumetric heat source term, q'' , in the energy equation, Equation (4), is required as a model input for the thermal calculations.

The source terms for two different types of grout formulation were polynomially fitted as function of transient time by using the experimental data provided by SRR customer [4]. When the transient time is longer than 1320 hours, it was exponentially fitted as shown in Appendix A. Based on the source curves of Figure 2-11, the heat sources contained in the grout were compared during one-month period of SDU storage. It is noted that the heat sources are rapidly reduced by a factor of 120 during the one-month period. When a volumetric heat source, q'' , is in watts per m³ (W/m³), storage time, t , should be in hours (h). Transient source terms for the SDU 2A benchmarking task and SDU 6 performance calculations are provided in Appendix A-1 and A-2, respectively.

The curve for the volumetric heat generation rate was used for the solidified grout region as heat source input to the transient temperature calculations over the SDU computational domain. The curve-fitted equations as presented in Appendix A show transient volumetric heat source as function of grout storage time. These heat source curves were used for the present SDU thermal calculations.

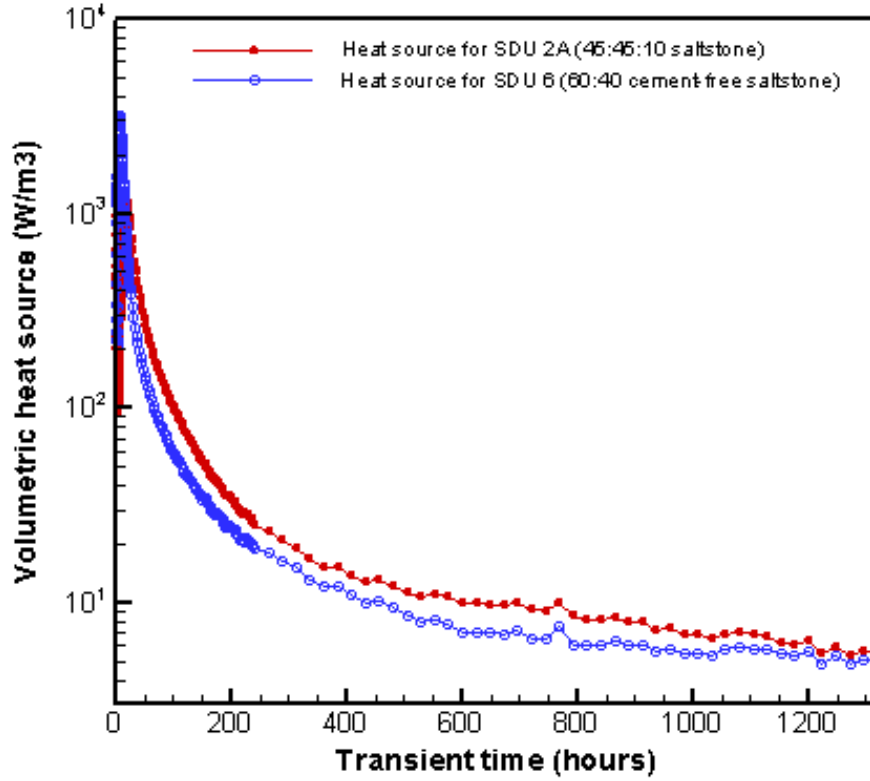


Figure 2-11. Comparison of hydration heat sources between the two different SDU grout formulations

2.4 Ambient temperature and solar heat around the SDU

The hydration heat source defined in Section 2.3 is dissipated by the underground soil media and ambient air in contact with the SDU external boundary. When the high and low ambient temperatures, T_{high} and T_{low} , are provided by the SRNL weather database on a daily basis, the transient ambient temperature, T_{amb} , can be fitted as function of time t (in hour) by the following sinusoidal function.

$$T_{amb} = A - B \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{12}\right) \quad (12)$$

Coefficients A and B in Equation (12) are given as $0.5(T_{high} + T_{low})$ and $0.5|T_{high} - T_{low}|$, respectively. The coefficients were determined by the SRNL weather data measured on a daily basis.

Figure 2-12 shows ambient temperatures for SDU 2A for a period from August 9, 2012, to June 30, 2014. The temperature curve shown in the figure was used in the transient energy balance equation of Equation (4) as one of boundary conditions for the two-dimensional SDU modeling domain as defined in Figure 2-8.

For the SDU 6 analysis, two coefficients (i.e., A and B) of Equation (12) for transient ambient temperatures were determined by using the average temperatures of the SRNL weather data for three years from 2015 to 2017. Figure 2-13 shows the ambient temperatures used for the SDU 6 thermal calculations.

The solar heat of SDU dome is accounted for in the present thermal model. The average solar insolation on the horizontal and side surfaces under the atmospheric conditions of Equation (12) is provided by the literature information [10]. The solar heat shown in Table 2-3 was applied to the external surface of the facility for the day- and night-time hours to estimate maximum grout temperatures in a realistic way, taking into account for the atmospheric effects such as rain and cloud cover.

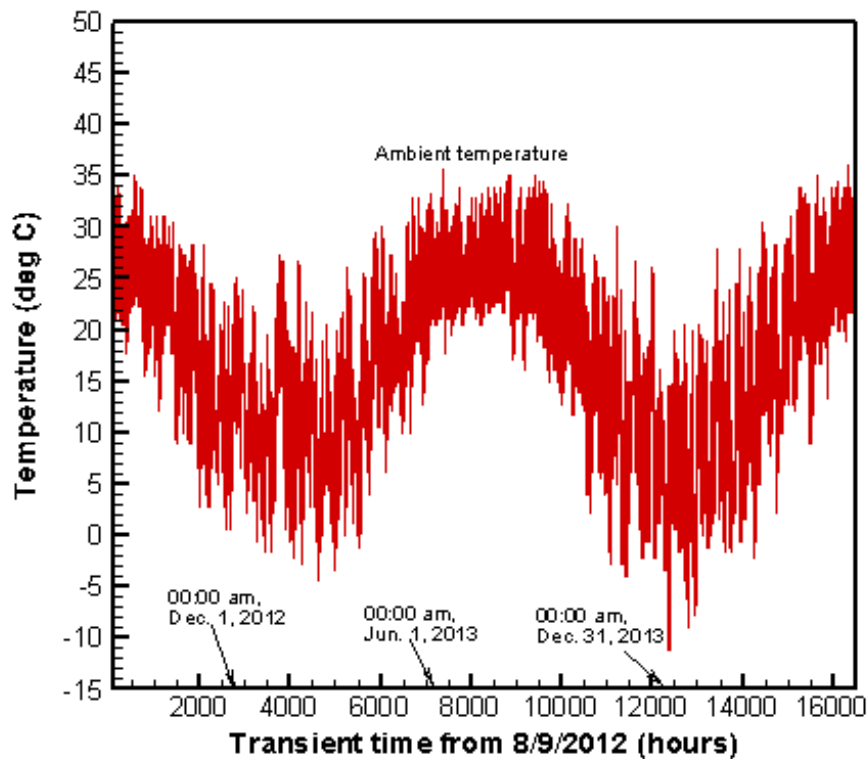


Figure 2-12. Ambient temperatures for SDU 2A between August 9, 2012 and June 30, 2014.

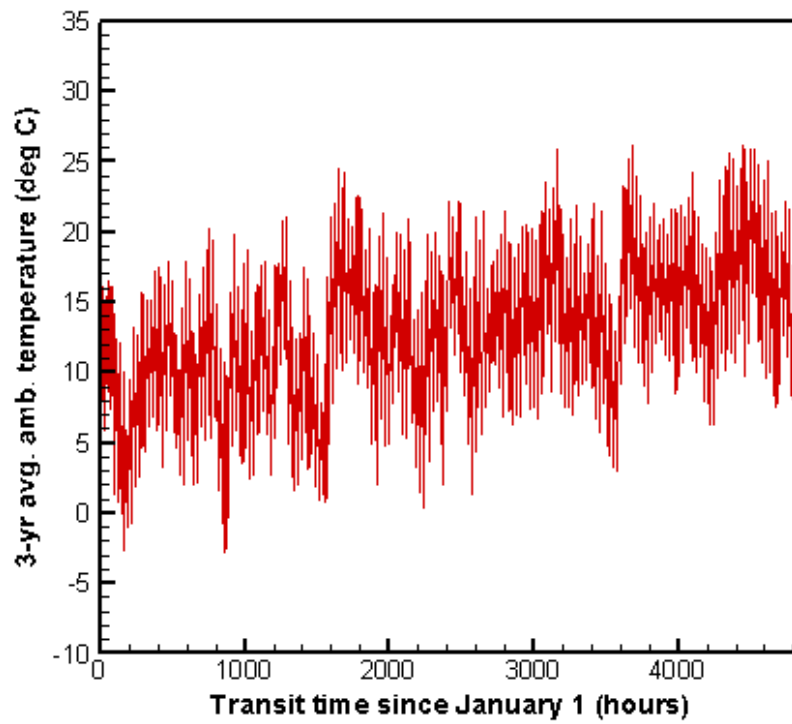
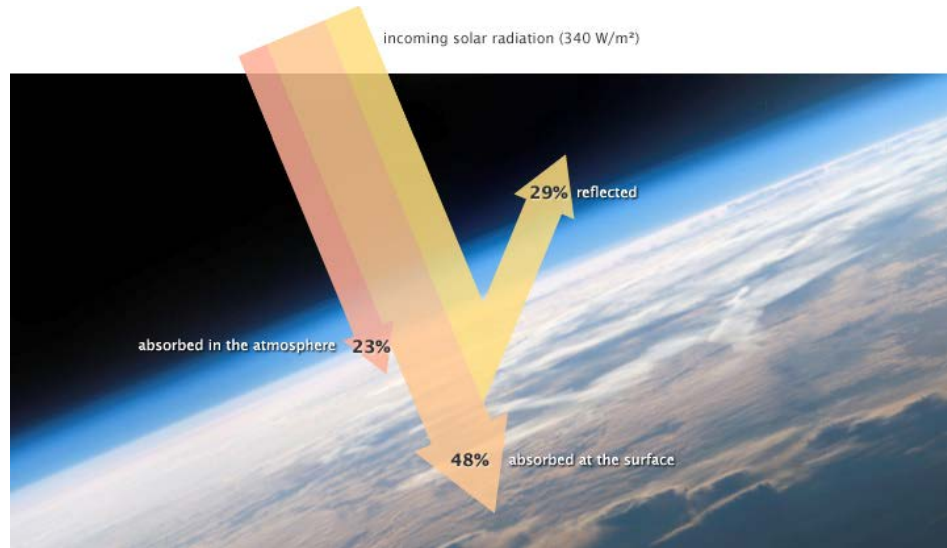


Figure 2-13. Ambient temperatures for SDU 6 during a five-month period of January to July.

Table 2-3. Solar heat for the SDU facility



(As Provided by NASA Earth Observatory [10])

| Location | Solar heat flux (W/m ²) | Absorptivity [17] | Solar heat flux absorbed into surface (W/m ²)* |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Top surface (Concrete: white paint) | 163.2 | 0.3 | 48.96 |
| Side surface** (Concrete: white paint) | 81.6 | 0.3 | 24.48 |
| Top surface (Soil: green/brown) | 163.2 | 0.6 | 97.92 |

Note: * Applied to the SDU external surfaces on a 24-hour daily basis

** For the SDU 6 calculations

2.5 Grout Pouring Schedule of SDU facility

Low activity salt solution at SRS is mixed with cementitious grout; the mixed grout is then pumped into the SDU in a series of layers where it cures into a solidified saltstone. During the curing process of cementitious grout, hydration heat is transiently produced. The heat produced by fresh grout serves to raise the temperature of the grout emplaced in the SDU facility; the total time-dependent hydration heat produced by the grout is dependent on the grout pour schedule. In this case, the grout layer filled at each pouring should account for the age of the poured grout using a Lagrangian approach, as shown in Figure 2-14, because the heat generation from the grout is highly dependent on its residence time in the SDU. The grout pouring schedule comprises scheduled times for grout production separated by planned production outages when no grout is added to the SDU; hence, the grout pouring schedule has a major impact on the time-dependent heat generated in the SDU.

The grout pours are implemented in a discrete Lagrangian way as shown in Figure 2-14. For a layer that was poured in real life between times t_0 and $t_0 + \Delta t$:

- The model layer is assumed to be poured instantaneously at time t_0 .

- The model layer is assumed to be of the same age.
- As soon as the grout layer is formed at time t_0 , heat source of the layer is turned on at an averaged grout age of $(\Delta t/2)$.

As mentioned above, a transient thermal assessment of the SDU grout was made for the work in a Lagrangian approach.

Figure 2-15 shows the grout pouring schedule used for the thermal calculations of SDU 2A. Detailed schedules used for the SDU 2A calculations is provided in Table A-3. Based on the modeling boundary conditions established by the benchmarking analysis of SDU 2A, Figure 2-16 shows the grout pouring schedule used for the thermal performance calculations for SDU 6. As shown in the figure, the grout schedule for SDU 6 has a repetitive sequence of 12.3 days of continuous pouring followed by 46.6 days idling, until the SDU is filled. In Appendix A, Table A-3 and Table A-4 show the corresponding grout schedules for SDU 2A and SDU 6 that were used for the modeling calculations. It is noted that Table A-4 shows the saltstone pouring schedule corresponding to approximately half-filled SDU 6.

2.6 Discretization of Modeling Domain

The modeling domain for the SDU was determined using a series of sensitivity analyses and literature information, which is summarized in Table 2-2. The domain includes SDU structure, concrete wall, and soil region as shown in Figure 2-8. The domain geometry was created and meshed using the ANSYS-FLUENT software. The surface of the modeling domain is decomposed into component surfaces that allow greater mesh accuracy and efficiency. In regions that are expected to experience larger temperature gradients, the component surface is assigned by a greater mesh density to increase solution accuracy. The vapor space of the SDU is an example of a component surface with a greater mesh density, as well as regions on and near conducting/convecting/radiating surface boundaries. Conversely, the mesh density is smaller on component surfaces that are expected to experience smaller temperature gradients, such as the thick concrete and soil portions of the domain. This approach to modeling/meshing the SDU decreases the time of computation and increases the solution accuracy. The resulting number of computational mesh nodes over the modeling domain was approximately 30,000 nodes for SDU 2A. Figure 2-17 illustrates the computational meshes over the modeling domain containing the geometry of SDU 2A for the benchmarking test against the thermocouple data. The number of discretized meshes for SDU 6 was established as approximately 110,000 for the thermal performance calculations, as shown in Figure 2-18.

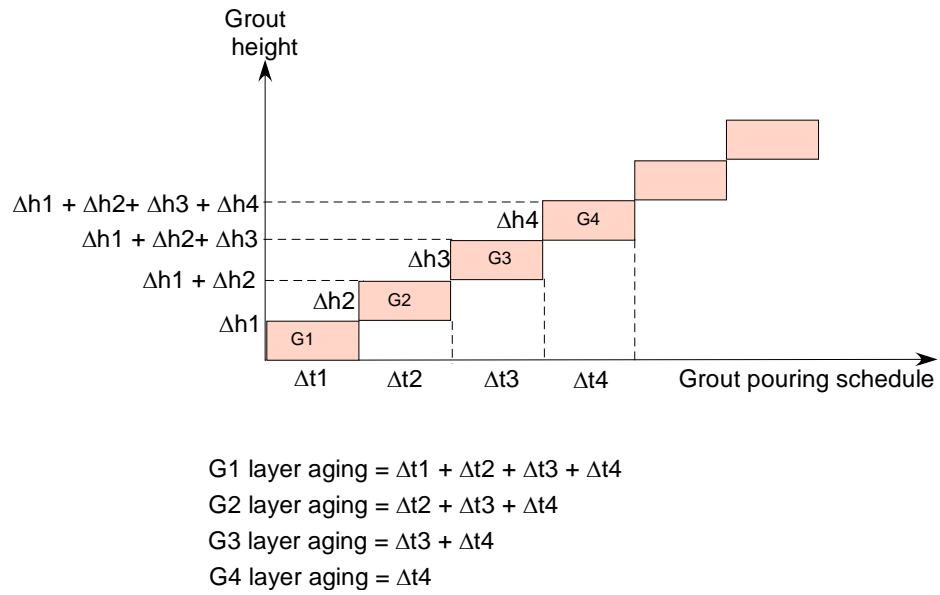


Figure 2-14. Transient grout height above the SDU 2A floor during the grout pouring period.

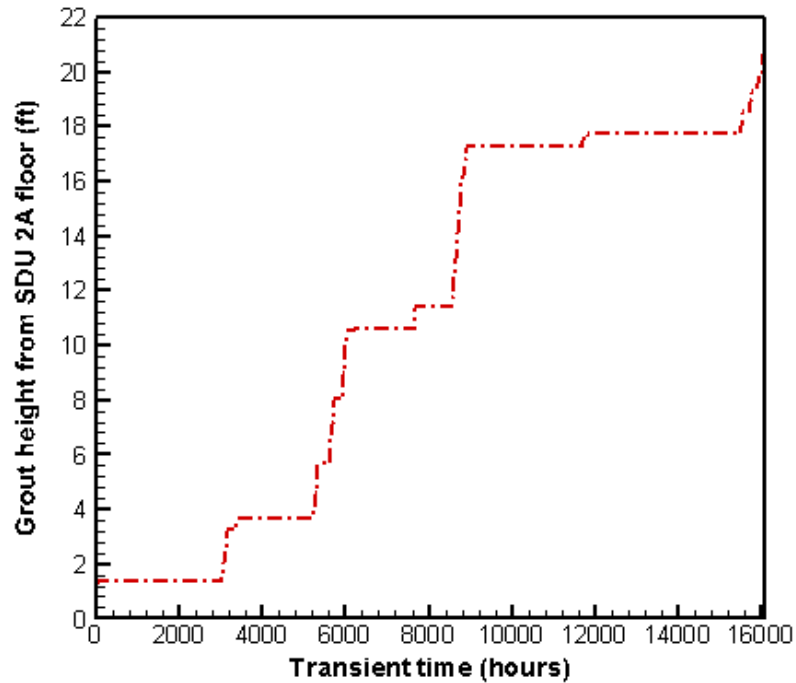


Figure 2-15. Transient grout height above the SDU 2A floor during the active filling period of August 10, 2012 to June 11, 2014.

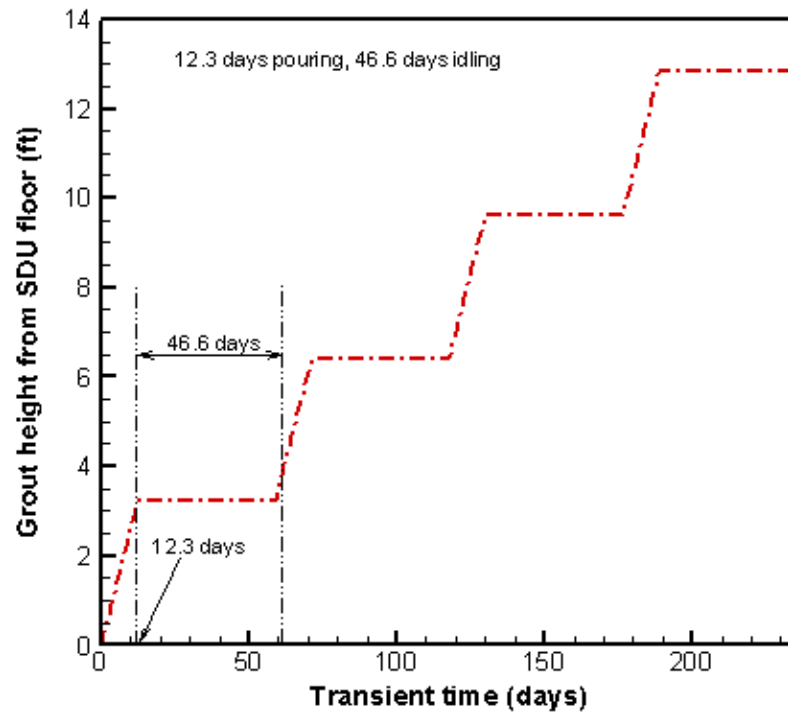
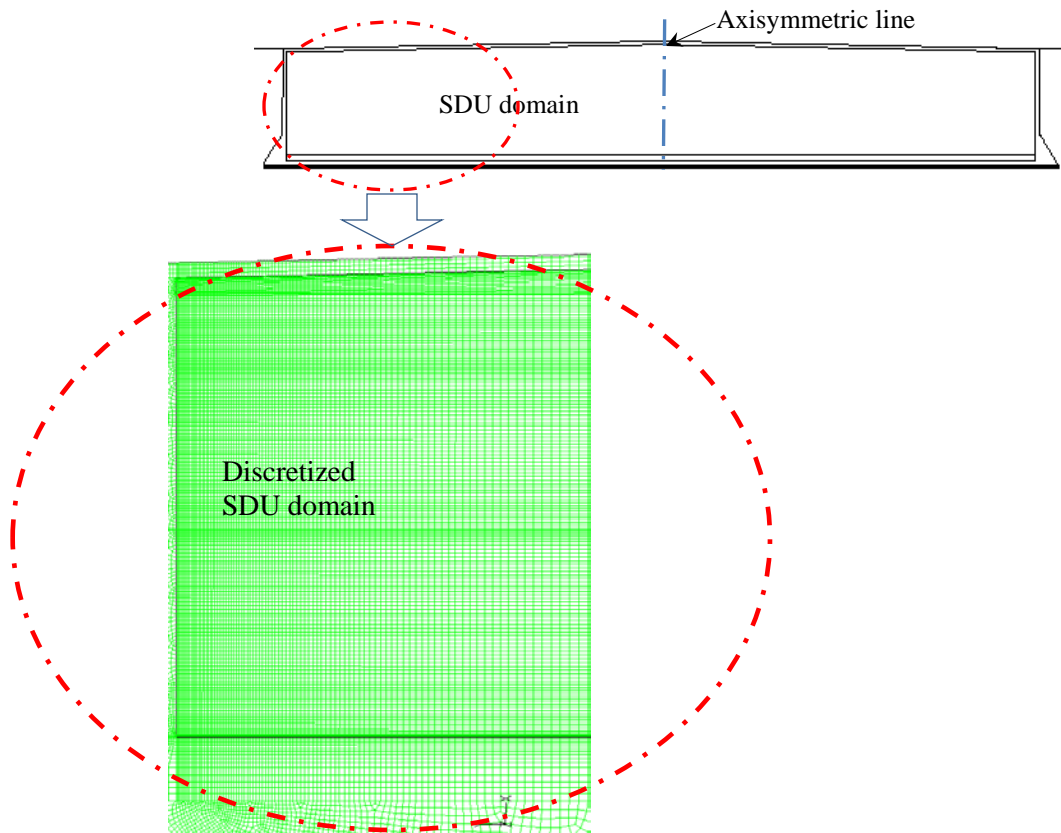
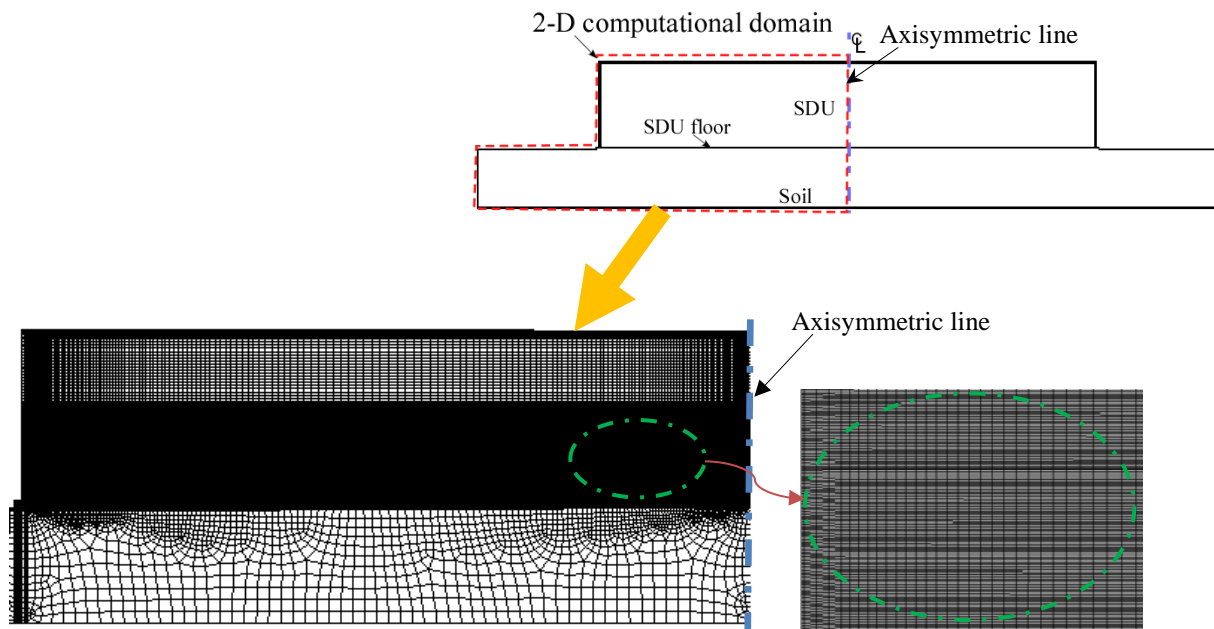


Figure 2-16. Transient grout heights above the SDU 6 floor during the grout pouring period.



(~30,000 computational meshes based on axi-symmetric modeling domain)

Figure 2-17. Two-dimensional computational meshed for SDU 2A modeling domain as used for the thermal benchmarking calculations.



(~110,000 meshes for the 2-D axisymmetric computational domain boundary)

Figure 2-18. Two-dimensional computational meshes for the axisymmetric modeling domain of SDU 6 as used for the thermal performance calculations.

3.0 Benchmarking Test for SDU 2A

As shown in Figure 2-2, a transient simulation model was developed by taking an axisymmetric and two-dimensional CFD approach in order to predict the temperatures attained in SDUs during the saltstone grout addition, and its subsequent storage period. The grout material contains a transient hydrating heat source as shown in Figure 2-11. The model should be capable of predicting the transient temperatures at point locations within the poured grout, the air space overlying the poured grout, and the interior/exterior surfaces of the SDU structure. For the modeling calculations, the grout pouring schedule is a key input parameter. For this case, other input parameters, such as thermal and material properties of the SDU components, heat source term, boundary conditions and domain discretization, were completely set up for the modeling domain (as established in earlier sections). The CFD model for SDU 2A was benchmarked against the thermocouple measurements to ensure that the model-predicted transient grout temperatures were conservative. The SDU 2A modeling domain is defined in Figure 2-8. Thermocouples in SDU 2A are present every foot starting at 0.5 ft above the SDU floor. It is noted that although there are three thermocouple trains at each elevation, local temperatures at both of Train A and Train B are not able to be differentiated under the axisymmetric approach because of the same radial distance from the center of the SDU 2A. The location of thermocouples at three different elevations of the SDU 2A domain is depicted in Figure 3-1.

When the daily ambient temperatures (Figure 2-12) and the transient heat source (Figure 2-11) are applied to the computational modeling domain of SDU 2A with the boundary condition of 24-hour insolation, the modeling calculations were performed using the solution method described in Section 2.1. Other boundary conditions used at the boundary of the modeling domain are presented in Table 2-2. The calculation results show that when SDU 2A is uniformly filled with the hydrating grout material (up to a height of approximately 3.5 ft. above the SDU floor), the model consistently overpredicts the maximum grout temperature by about 10°C in comparison to the measured data, as shown in Figure 3-2. Figure 3-3 compares the modeling predictions and test data at the thermocouple position 2.5 ft Train A/B in the grout region of SDU 2A. The grout temperatures for Train C at a position of 10.5 ft are compared between the modeling predictions and the thermocouple data in Figure 3-4. As shown in the figures, the modeling predictions are always higher than the test data. Figure 3-5 shows the modeling predictions of maximum grout temperatures in comparison with the thermocouple data for the grout region of the SDU during the entire filling period (combined with intermittent idling) of about 16,000 hours. From the benchmarking results, it is noted that when the grout level exceeds approximately 17 ft., the model underpredicts the grout temperatures by about 4°C during the non-production idling periods; this is possibly due to the uneven accumulation of grout inside the SDU. When a grout layer is radially flat with the same thickness under uniformly distributed heat source, the grout temperature at a given elevation theoretically decreases toward the wall of the SDU because of heat loss at the domain wall boundary. As shown in Figure 3-6, when the grout level is higher than 12ft above the SDU floor, the grout temperature measured at the thermocouple position of 10.5ft is increased by about 10°C with the radial distance increased from 10 ft (Train A/B) to 50 ft (Train C). This suggests that the grout may have an uneven thickness or nonuniform composition.

Comparing the predicted grout temperatures with the actual SDU 2A thermocouple data, it can be concluded that when the grout formulated for SDU 2A is poured into the facility (per the pouring schedule of Figure 2-15), the model predicts the grout temperatures in a conservative manner, and its maximum temperature remains below 80°C.



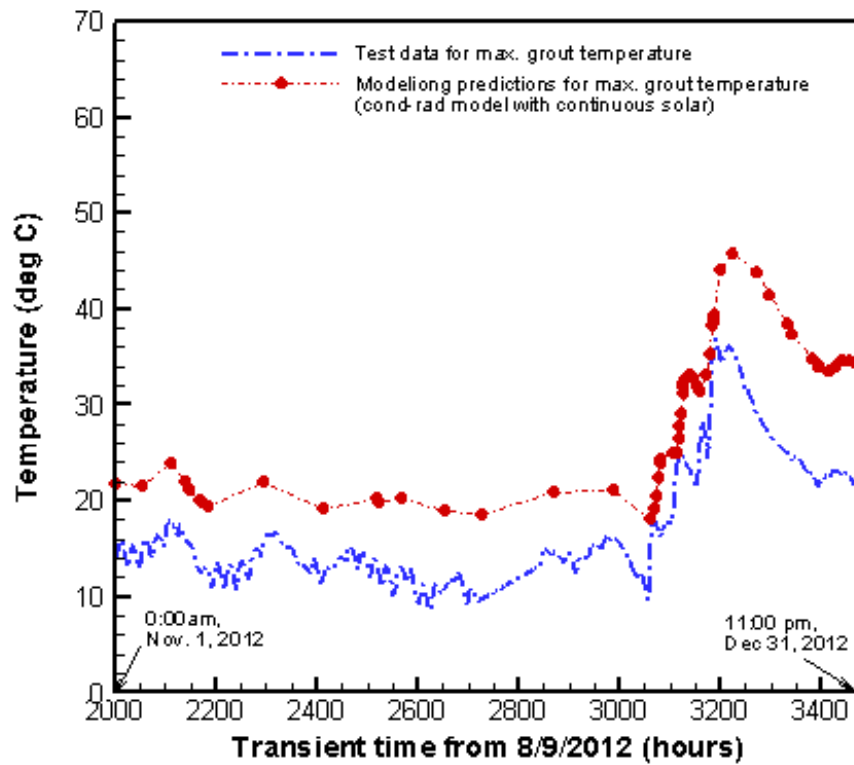


Figure 3-2. Comparison of the modeling predictions and SDU 2A thermocouple data for the grout height less than 3.5 ft.

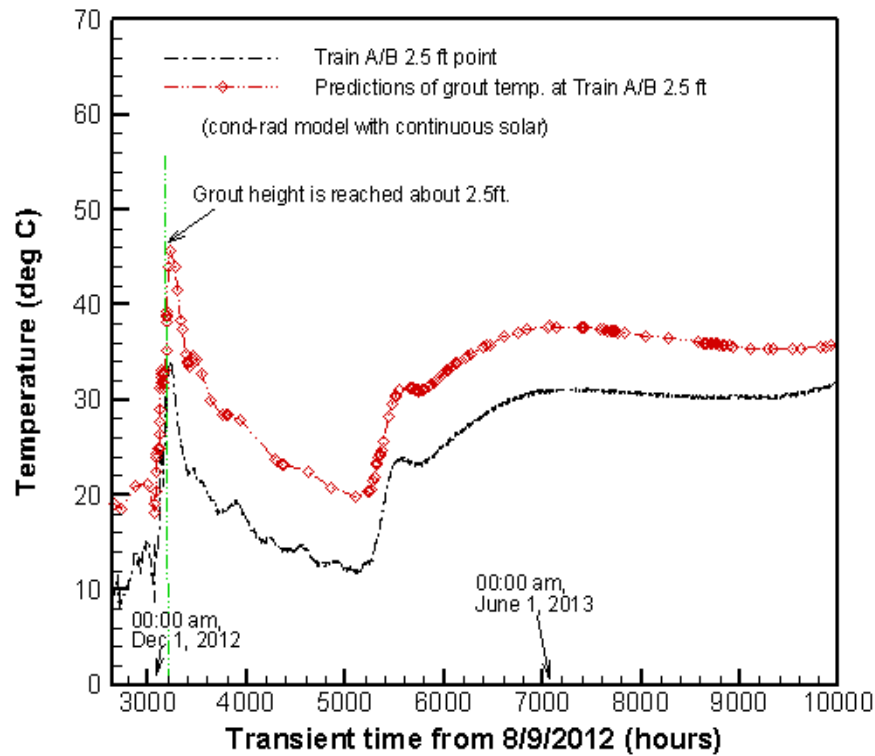


Figure 3-3. Comparison of the modeling predictions and SDU 2A thermocouple data at the thermocouple position 2.5 ft for Train A/B

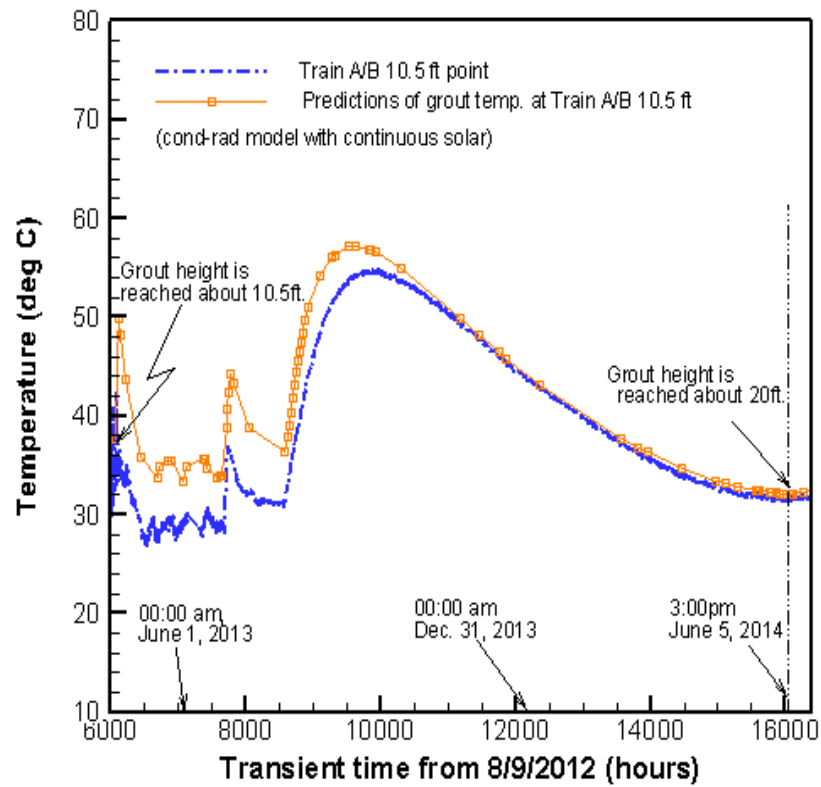


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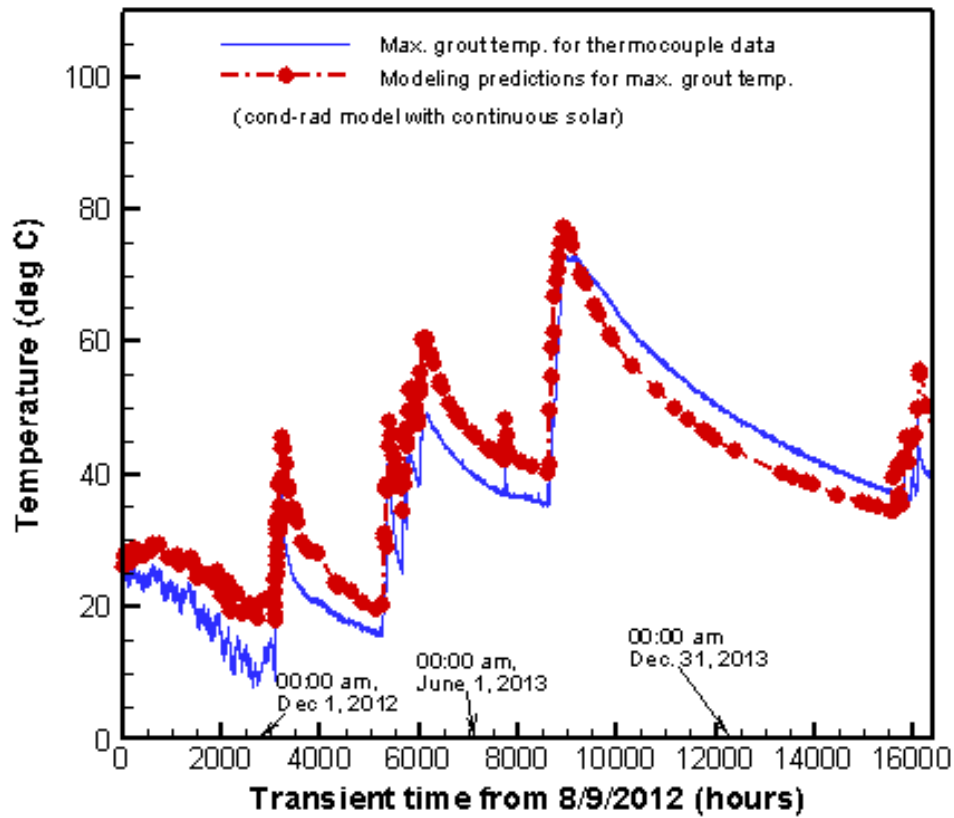


Figure 3-5. Comparison of maximum grout temperatures between the modeling predictions and SDU 2A thermocouple data at the completion of pouring

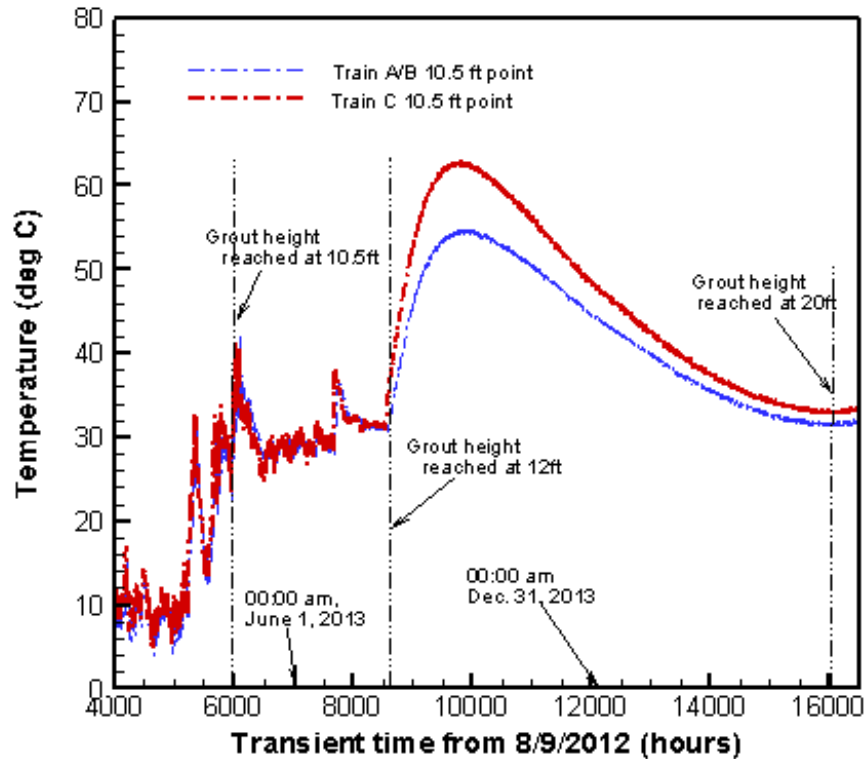


Figure 3-6. Comparison of transient SDU 2A thermocouple data at position 10.5 ft.

4.0 Results and Discussion

A CFD simulation model was developed to predict the transient temperatures attained in SDUs during and after the addition of a hydrating grout material containing a heat generation source. The basic scope of work for the present work is illustrated in Figure 2-2. As shown in the figure, a transient two-dimensional CFD approach was conducted using an axisymmetric geometry of the SDU. The hydration process of the grout material produces thermal heat from an exothermic chemical reaction. In this work, several different types of scoping analysis were performed to define the optimal modeling domain boundary. This included parametric sensitivity calculations of soil thickness, soil conductivity, and ambient boundary conditions. For the benchmarking calculations, the top surface of the grout layer was assumed to be horizontally flat when the SDU was filled with grout material.

The present work has considered two different disposal units, namely, SDU 2A and SDU 6. Prior to performing the thermal calculations for SDU 6, the benchmarking test for the SDU 2A was performed to establish the validity of the solution method, and to compare the computational modeling predictions with the thermocouple test results. Based on the solution method and the boundary conditions, as established by the benchmarking test, the CFD calculations were performed to predict the transient temperatures at point locations within the poured grout, the overlying vapor space, and the interior and exterior surfaces of the SDU structure. The model developed in this study can be used to predict grout temperatures within an SDU for different saltstone pour schedules, SDU designs, and saltstone compositions (with varied thermal properties).

For the thermal calculations of the SDU 6 domain as defined in Figure 1-2, the conduction cooling mechanism coupled with radiation were considered for a conservative estimate of the saltstone temperatures and for computational efficiency. In this case, transient thermal heat produced by the hydration reactions of the saltstone grout is dissipated through ambient air and ground soil media. The model simulates a nominal grout flowrate of 150 gpm with 12.3 days of pouring and 46.6 days idle (i.e., without pouring). On a daily basis, 216,000 gallons of grout are poured into the SDU 6 vault. This corresponds to a grout height of approximately 0.27 ft. The pouring operation is completed when the top surface of the poured grout reaches a height of 41 ft above the SDU floor. Ambient temperatures were based on the hourly temperatures measured by SRNL [18]. For the boundary conditions, a transient sinusoidal equation was used by fitting the temperatures averaged over the three-year period of January 2015 to January 2017, as shown in Figure 2-13. Detailed thermal properties of the SDU components and modeling boundary conditions of the domain for the calculations are summarized in Table 2-1 and Table 2-2, respectively. The grout pour schedule for the SDU 6 model is shown in Figure 2-16. Appendix A-4 shows each predetermined layer's start time and end time.

The grout pouring schedule comprises a series of pouring and idling lift schedules. For the thermal analysis of the SDU 6, each lift has grout production of 12.3 days followed by planned production outages of 46.6 days with no grout addition to the SDU. In this case, the grout pouring schedule has a major thermal impact on the time-dependent heat generation imbedded in a grout layer of the SDU. The time-dependent additions of the grout layer were implemented in a discrete Lagrangian way as shown in Figure 2-14. Specifically, for a discretized layer that was poured in real life between times t_0 and $t_0 + \Delta t$, the pouring time Δt was set up to be 12 hours (equivalent to a layer thickness Δh of 0.1307ft) when a grout nominal flow of 150 gpm is continuously poured into the SDU 6 vault.

As shown in Figure 4-1, the SDU 6 model runs are stopped at two lifts of the pouring and idling operation. The modeling results show that when grout pouring started on January 1, the maximum grout temperatures attained are 52°C at the end of the 1st lift pouring on January 13 and 56°C at the end of the 2nd lift pouring on March 13. It is noted that the 2nd peak grout temperature is about 4°C higher than the 1st peak because of the increased ambient temperature. These are consistent with the sensitivity results that ambient temperature has a linear effect on the maximum grout temperature of the SDU as discussed earlier. This model simulation used a pour schedule 12.3 days (295 hours) pouring followed by long idling times (1118 hours). This idling time after the pour allows the grout heat to be dissipated into the ambient air and the adjacent soil media prior to the next pour. Figure 4-2 compares transient temperature profiles along the vertical centerline of SDU 6 for different pouring times during the pouring period of 295 hours. The results show that for each of the transient times there is a large temperature gradient at the interface of the grout and its surrounding media such as the concrete wall or SDU air region, resulting in a rapid heat dissipation of the saltstone grout containing the hydration heat, as defined in Appendix A-2.

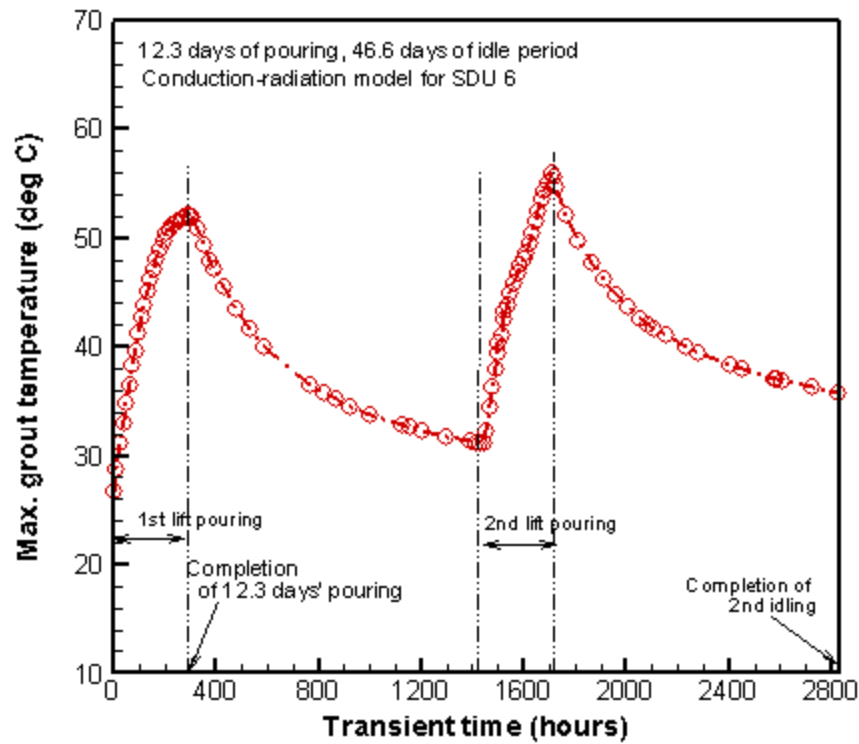


Figure 4-1. Modeling predictions for the SDU 6 facility for the operation schedule of 12.3 days pouring and 46.6 days' idle

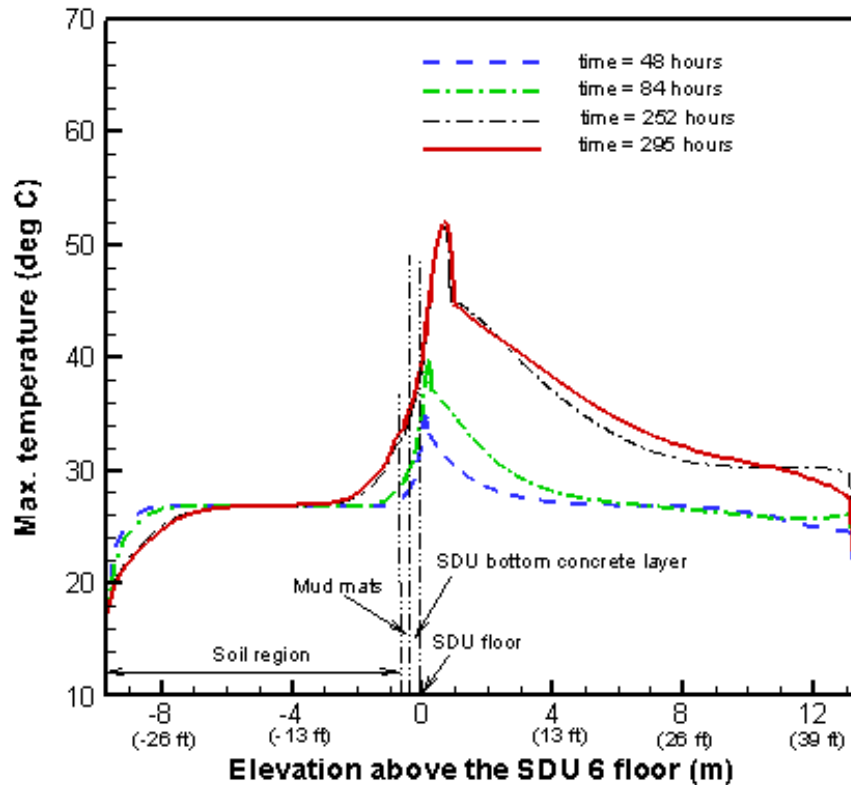


Figure 4-2. Transient temperature profiles along the vertical centerline of the SDU 6 facility

5.0 Conclusions

A CFD model was developed to predict the transient temperatures attained in SDUs when permanently filled with a hydrating grout material containing a transient heat source. A transient two-dimensional CFD approach was used by assuming the SDU is symmetrical along the axial direction. The CFD model was developed with the commercial software, ANSYS-FLUENT™. Although the modeling domain was initially constructed by three heat transfer modes of conduction, convection, and radiation, the main calculations of the SDU model were performed by using a conduction-radiation cooling mechanism without convection; this provided a conservative estimate of the saltstone temperatures and also enhanced computational efficiency.

The thermal model has been developed for two SDUs at SRS; namely, SDU 2A and SDU 6. SDU 2A is cylindrical unit measuring 150 ft. in diameter and 22 ft. in height, and has a grout capacity of approximately three million gallons. SDU 6 is a larger scale unit measuring 375 ft. in diameter and 43 ft. in height, and it has a grout capacity of over thirty million gallons. Prior to performing the thermal calculations for SDU 6, a benchmarking test for the smaller unit (SDU 2A) was performed to establish the solution method, and to verify the computational results with actual grout temperature data measured within the unit. Based on the Lagrangian discrete method and boundary conditions established by the benchmarking test, the CFD calculations were performed to predict the transient temperatures at point locations of the poured grout and the overlying vapor space within the SDU 6 structure.

From the benchmarking results, it is noted that when the grout level becomes higher than about 17 ft., the model underpredicts the grout temperatures by about 4°C during idling times of when no grout is added to the SDU. This under prediction is possibly the result of uneven grout accumulations or non-uniform grout formulations. The results show that when the grout formulated for SDU 2A is poured into the facility, the model consistently predicts the grout temperatures in a conservative manner, and its maximum temperature remains below 80°C. In addition, it was confirmed that all boundary conditions applied to the model maintained the conservative nature of the predicted temperature data.

Based on the discrete Lagrangian method and boundary conditions established by the benchmarking work, the SDU 6 model was developed for a quantitative assessment of the transient temperatures at local positions of the poured grout within the SDU. A pour schedule of 12.3 days of grout filling followed by 46.6 days of non-production (idling) time was used for the dynamic computer simulation of the saltstone pouring into SDU 6. The modeling results show that when grout pouring started on January 1, a maximum grout temperature of about 52°C is reached (at the end of pouring on January 13). In this case, it is noted that the ambient temperature has a linear effect on the maximum temperature of the SDU grout as discussed in the sensitivity analysis. Therefore, when ambient temperature during the summer time is about 20°C higher than that of the winter time on the average, the results indicate that the maximum grout temperature for the SDU 6 unit is expected to be well below 95°C. The model developed in this study can be used to predict grout temperatures within an SDU for different saltstone pour schedules, SDU designs, and saltstone compositions (with varied thermal properties).

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Appendix A. Transient Thermal Source and Grout Pour Schedule

A-1. Transient heat source terms for SDU2A grout region

For time t (hours) of $0 < t < 0.24$ hours,

$$q''' = A + Bt + C t^2 + Dt^3 + Et^4 + Ft^5 + Gt^6 + Ht^7 + It^8 + Jt^9$$

where

$$A = 0.0$$

$$B = 2.07273154883735750000 \times 10^5$$

$$C = -4.73727966385484950000 \times 10^6$$

$$D = 2.01537892317851670000 \times 10^7$$

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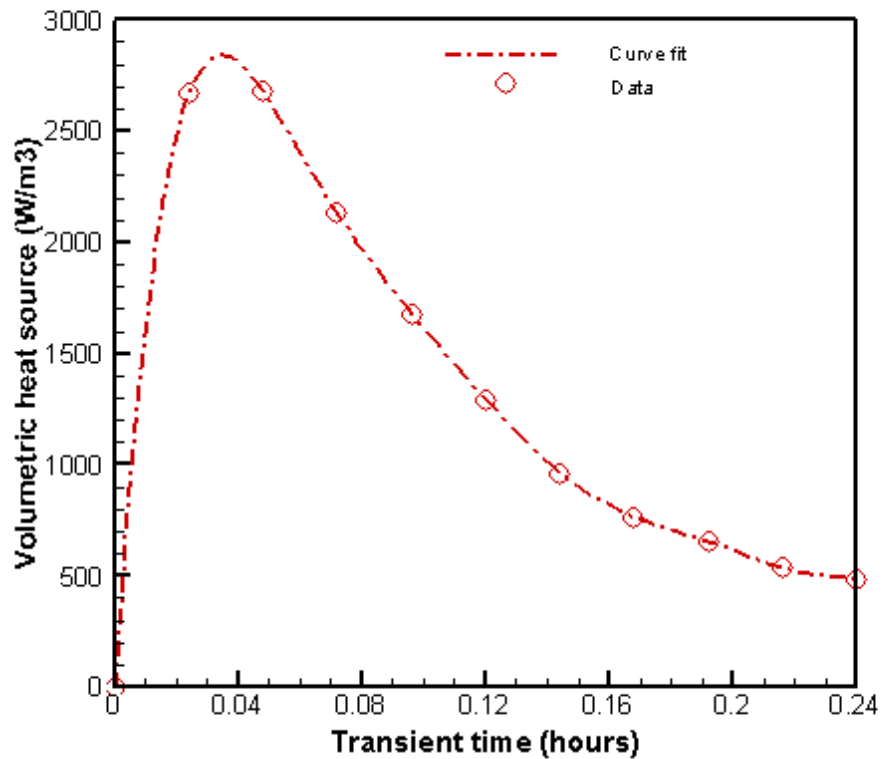
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$$H = -4.09488281172600040000 \times 10^{11}$$

$$I = 8.93311908468470950000 \times 10^{11}$$

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For time, t (hours), of $0.24 < t < 0.72$ hours,

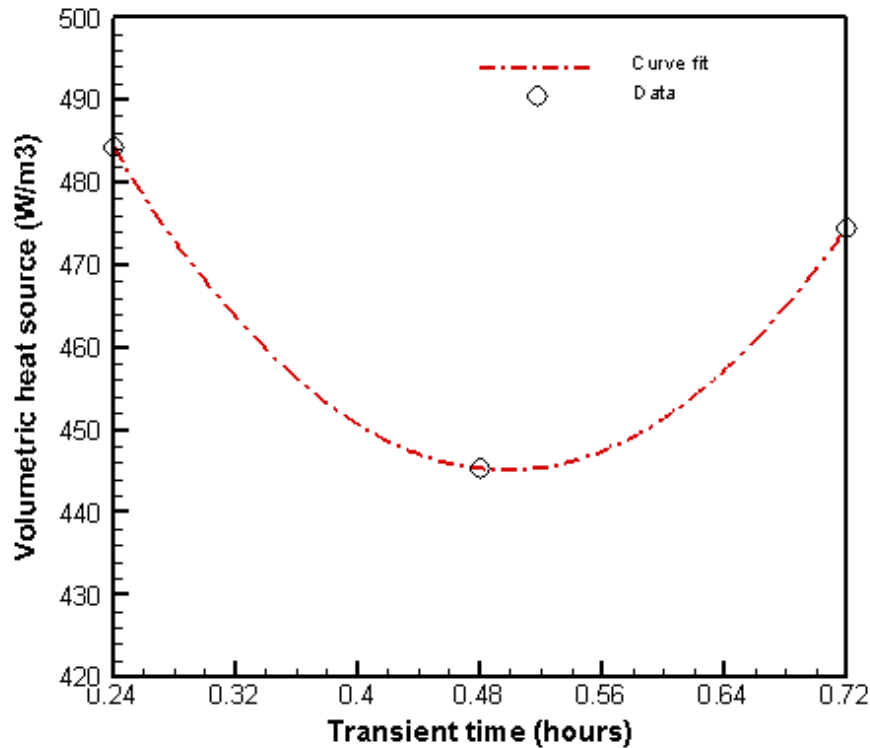
$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2$$

where

$$A = 5.91387469886406050000 \times 10^2$$

$$B = -5.88668317582889930000 \times 10^2$$

$$C = 5.92151406914204590000 \times 10^2$$



For time, t (hours), of $0.72 < t < 12$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2 + D \cdot t^3 + E \cdot t^4 + F \cdot t^5 + G \cdot t^6$$

where

$$A = 8.36978990287800000000 \times 10^2$$

$$B = -6.32717578411004300000 \times 10^2$$

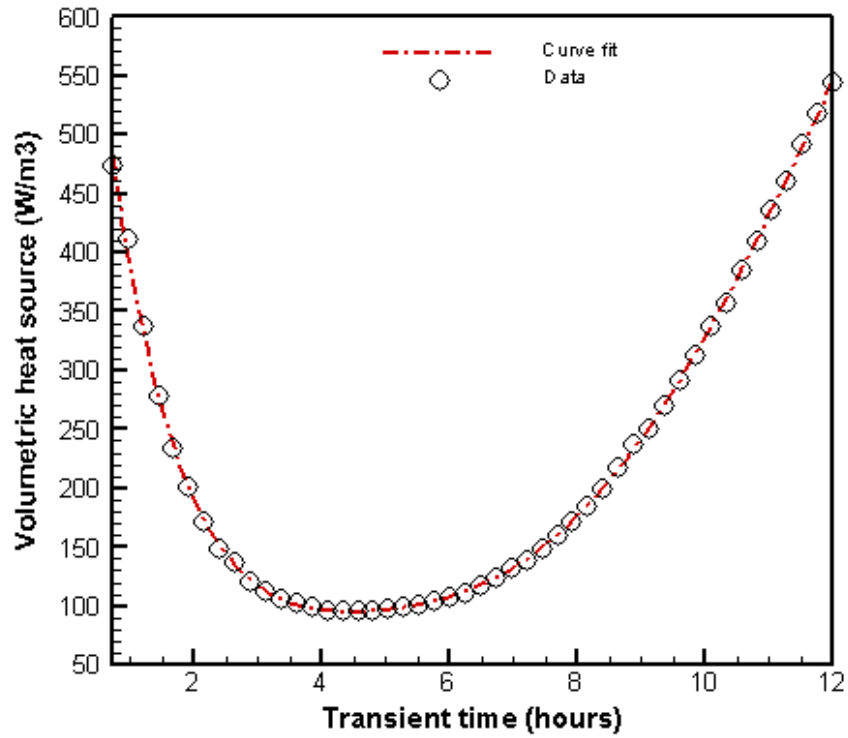
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$$E = 4.15940305886652960000$$

$$F = -2.12365484046295100000 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$G = 4.30191142736251630000 \times 10^{-3}$$



For time, t (hours), of $12 < t < 19$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2 + D \cdot t^3$$

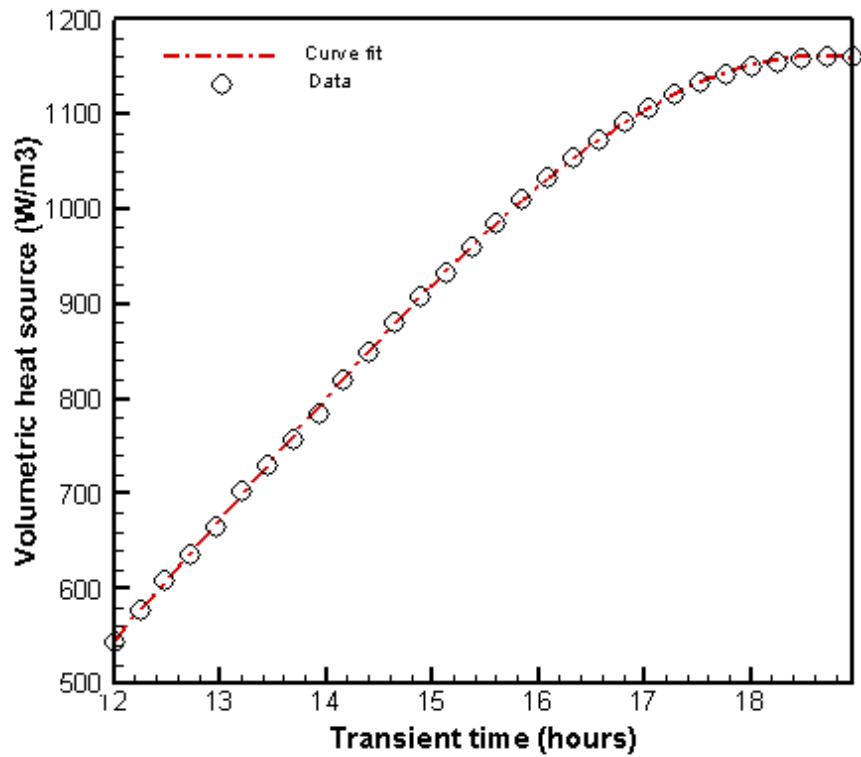
where

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$$B = -5.85310747715714230000 \times 10^2$$

$$C = 5.45126997998306350000 \times 10^1$$

$$D = -1.38781058343246850000$$



For time, t (hours), of $19 < t < 101$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2 + D \cdot t^3 + E \cdot t^4 + F \cdot t^5 + G \cdot t^6$$

where

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$$B = 6.74536585645678600000 \times 10^1$$

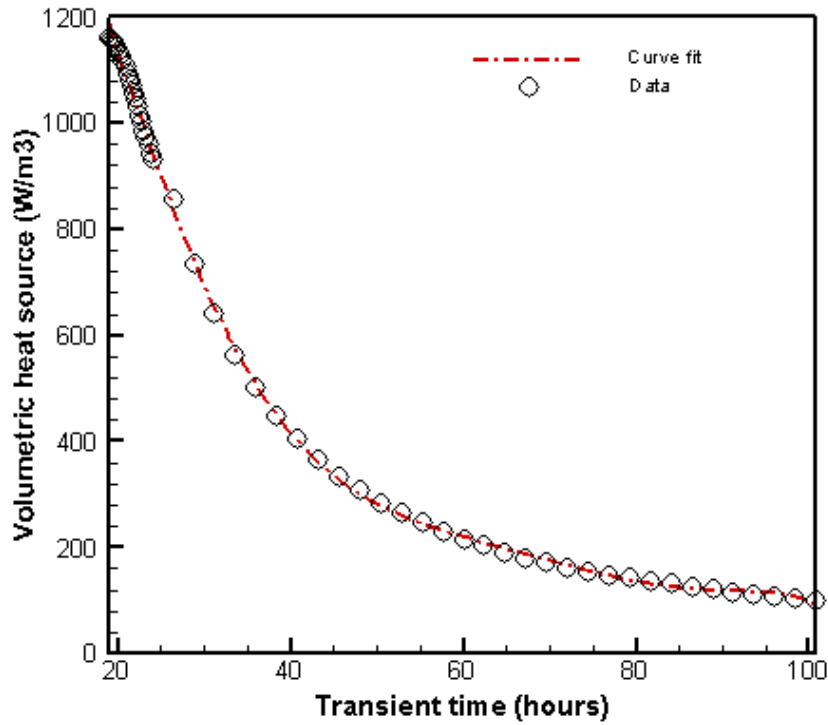
$$C = -7.82367256189775070000$$

$$D = 2.41740066120051280000 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$E = -3.48693519366358090000 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$F = 2.43804005250953660000 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$G = -6.67292127642433280000 \times 10^{-8}$$



For time t (hours) of $101 < t < 1320$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B*t + C*t^2 + D*t^3 + E*t^4 + F*t^5 + G*t^6 + H*t^7 + I*t^8 + J*t^9$$

where

$$A = 4.13945191878824910000 \times 10^2$$

$$B = -5.82829436012035810000$$

$$C = 3.84926449894706780000 \times 10^{-2}$$

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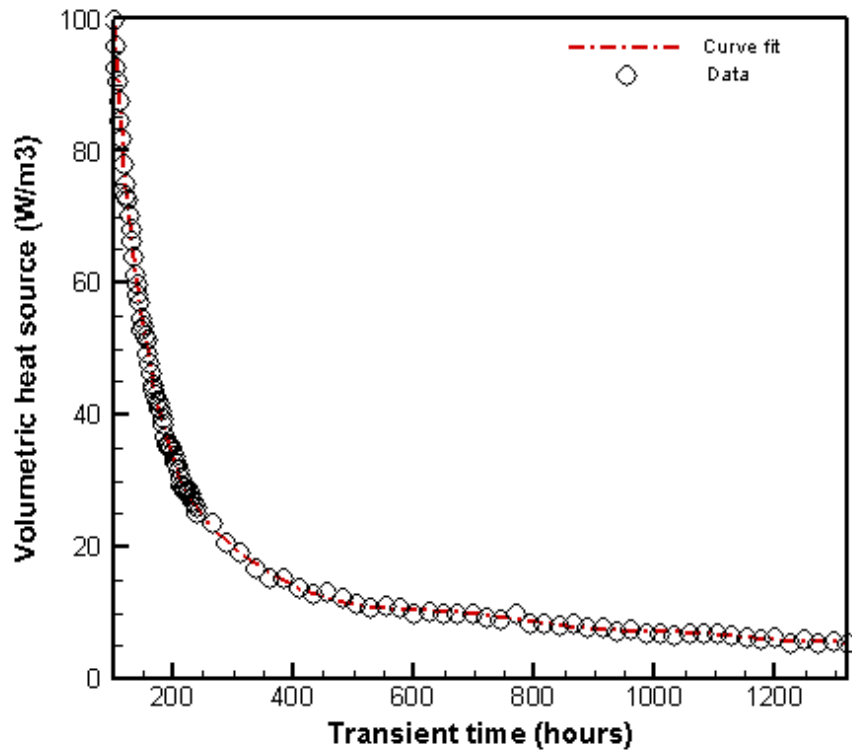
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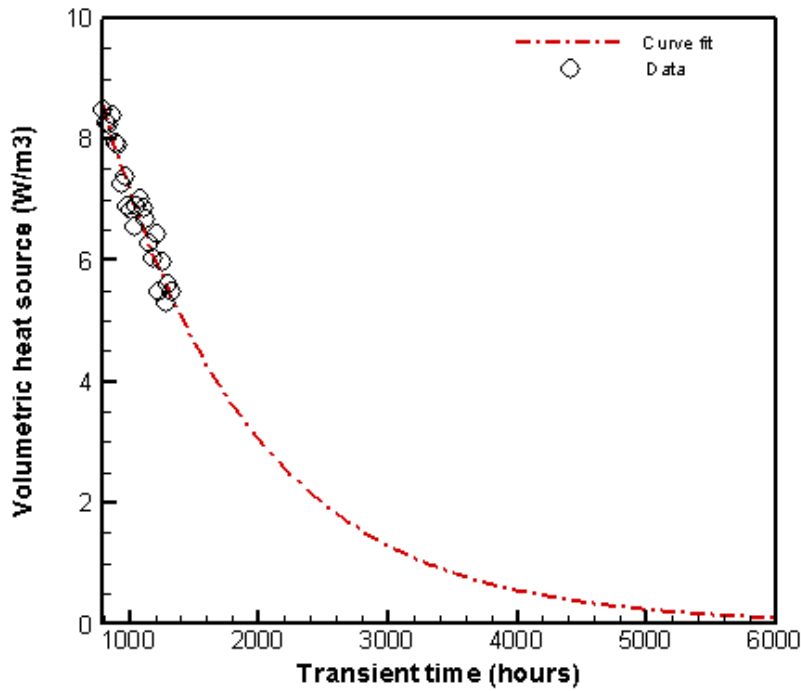
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$$q''' = e^{(At+B)}$$

where

$$A = -8.55474410336134050000 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$B = 2.82293843273920510000$$



A-2. Transient heat source terms for SDU6 grout region:

For time, t (hours), of $0 < t < 0.24$ hours,

$$q''' = A + Bt + Ct^2 + Dt^3 + Et^4 + Ft^5 + Gt^6 + Ht^7 + It^8 + Jt^9$$

where

$$A = 0.0$$

$$B = 1.96804647032513400000 \times 10^5$$

$$C = -7.89056561184678970000 \times 10^6$$

$$D = 1.86266791019304810000 \times 10^8$$

$$E = -2.79873846123373080000 \times 10^9$$

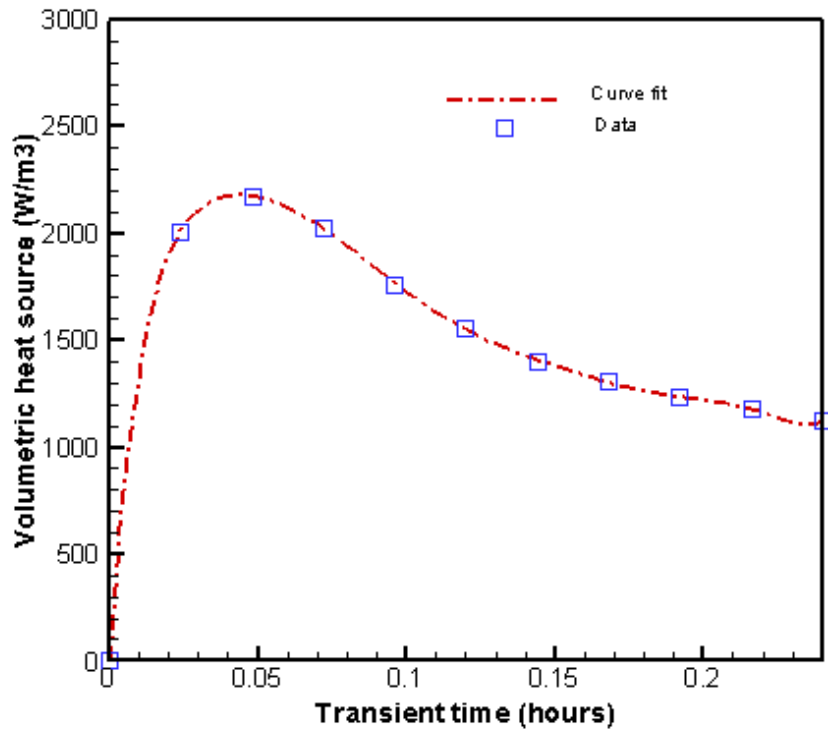
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$$H = 5.91991202017225460000 \times 10^{11}$$

$$I = -1.20518532177952860000 \times 10^{12}$$

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For time, t (hours), of $0.24 < t < 0.72$ hours,

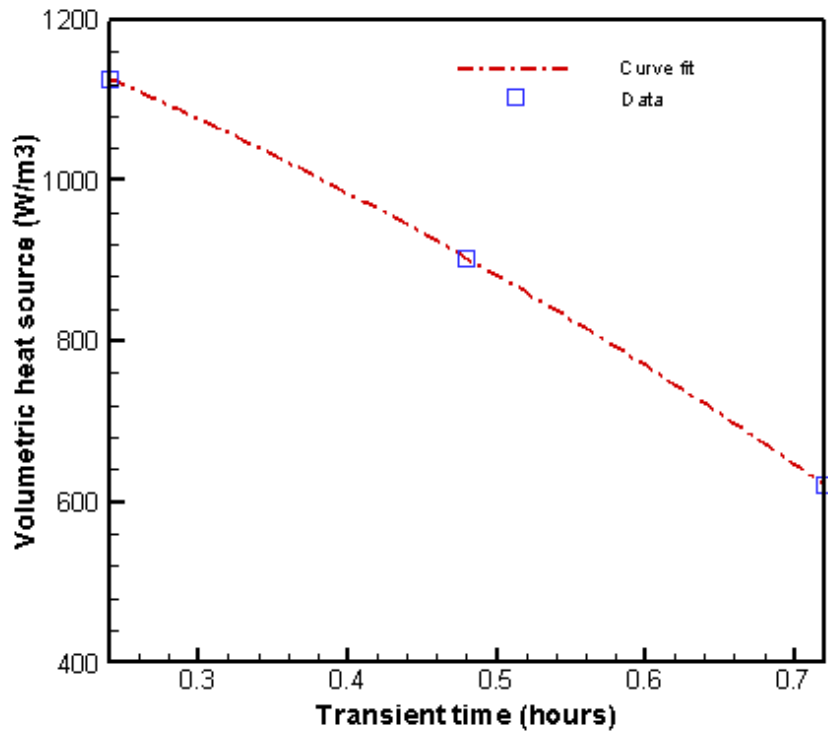
$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2$$

where

$$A = 1.29220007001420300000 \times 10^3$$

$$B = -5.69375602903191180000 \times 10^2$$

$$C = -5.02603369444996700000 \times 10^2$$



For time, t (hours), of $0.72 < t < 12$ hours,

$$q''' = A + Bt + Ct^2 + Dt^3 + Et^4 + Ft^5 + Gt^6 + Ht^7 + It^8 + Jt^9$$

where

$$A = 2.35226497049260480000 \times 10^3$$

$$B = -4.12527877623960100000 \times 10^3$$

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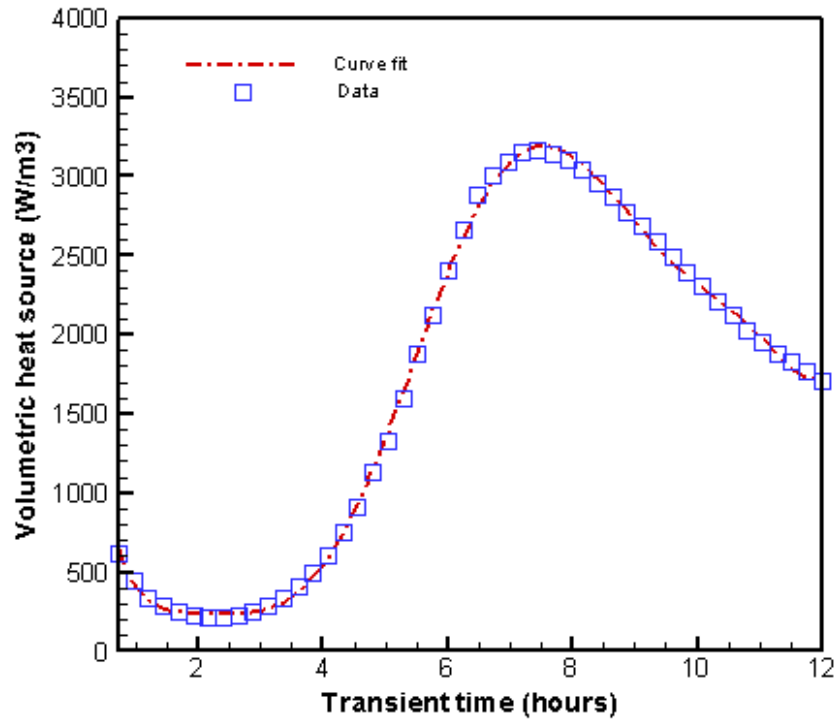
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$$J = 1.03683732751863100000 \times 10^{-3}$$



For time, t (hours), of $12 < t < 19$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2 + D \cdot t^3$$

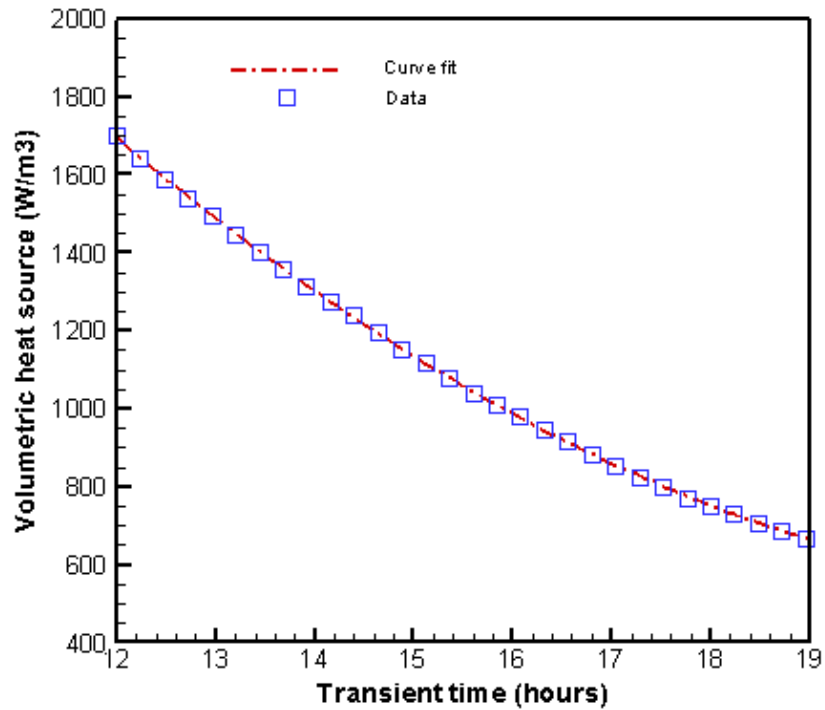
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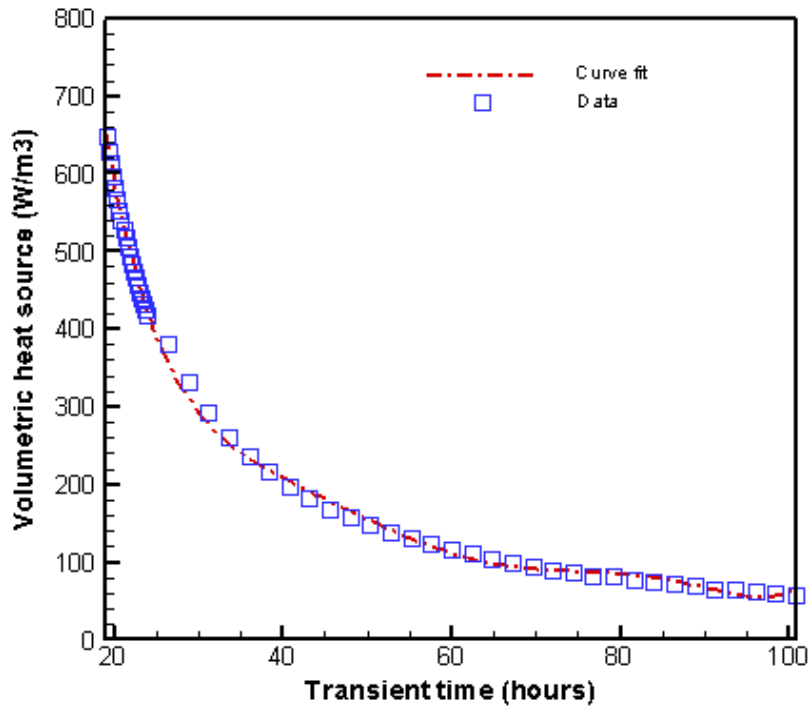


For time, t (hours), of $19 < t < 101$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B*t + C*t^2 + D*t^3 + E*t^4 + F*t^5 + G*t^6$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 4.53332270853887440000 \times 10^3 \\ B &= -4.42287242687556100000 \times 10^2 \\ C &= 1.89816838940353460000 \times 10^1 \\ D &= -4.29973751206436270000 \times 10^{-1} \\ E &= 5.33396424970653850000 \times 10^{-3} \\ F &= -3.42287685962404290000 \times 10^{-5} \\ G &= 8.88050109119817030000 \times 10^{-8} \end{aligned}$$



For time, t (hours), of $101 < t < 1320$ hours,

$$q''' = A + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2 + D \cdot t^3 + E \cdot t^4 + F \cdot t^5 + G \cdot t^6 + H \cdot t^7 + I \cdot t^8 + J \cdot t^9$$

where

$$A = 2.07048958358744560000 \times 10^2$$

$$B = -2.70140300079108010000$$

$$C = 1.72071893610670660000 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$D = -6.31004256380568660000 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$E = 1.43125804156685520000 \times 10^{-7}$$

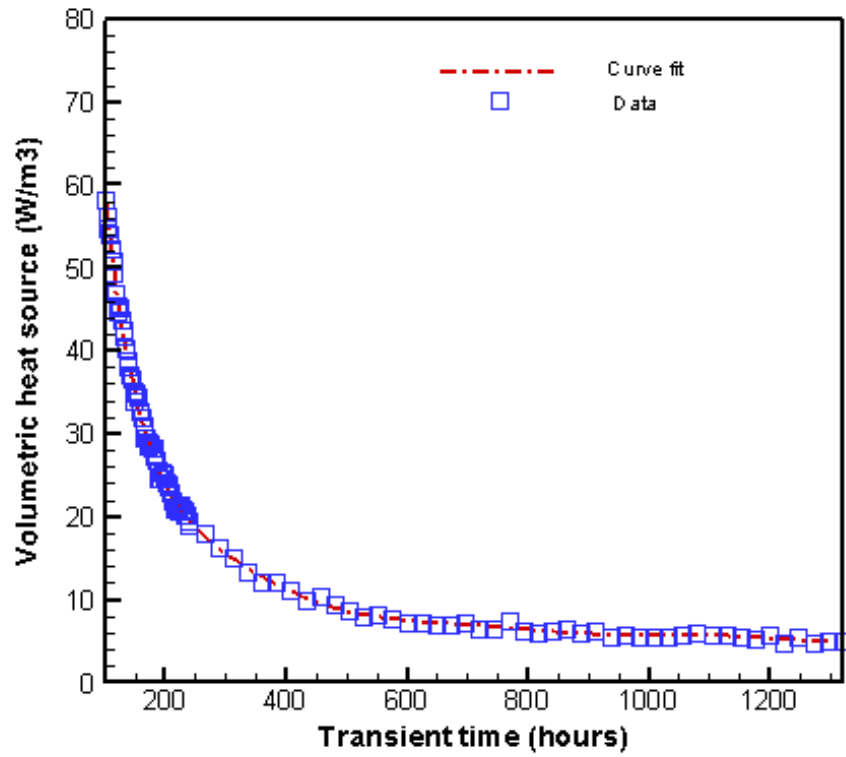
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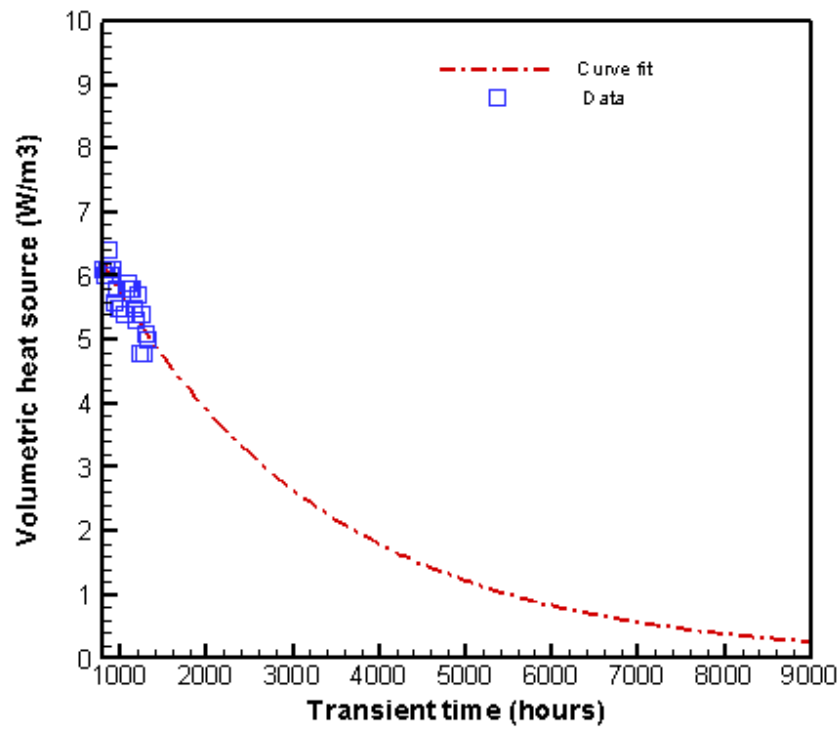
For time, t (hours), of $t > 1320$ hours,

$$q''' = e^{(At+B)}$$

where

$$A = -3.88314058068484550000 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$B = 2.13462310296217960000$$



A-3. Grout pouring schedule used for the thermal analysis of SDU facility

| At transient time t = 0 hr, h = 16" = 1.333 ft (Cold cap height) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|----------------|----------|-------|--------------|
| | Start | Operation | Total time | | | Transient time | | | Model source |
| Date | time | hours | hours | Adding (ft) | Δh (ft) | Hours | days | h(ft) | name |
| 8/10/2012 | 15:32 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.78 | 0.0325 | 1.35 | grout1 |
| | | 3019.18 | 3019.96 | 0.018 | 0 | 3019.96 | 125.8317 | 1.35 | |
| 12/14/2012 | 11:30 | 5.17 | 3025.13 | 0.305 | 0.305 | 3025.13 | 126.0471 | 1.66 | grout2 |
| | | 40.28 | 3065.41 | 0.305 | 0 | 3065.41 | 127.7254 | 1.66 | |
| 12/16/2012 | 8:57 | 7.52 | 3072.93 | 0.464 | 0.464 | 3072.93 | 128.0388 | 2.12 | grout3 |
| | | 41.75 | 3114.68 | 0.464 | 0 | 3114.68 | 129.7783 | 2.12 | |
| 12/18/2012 | 10:13 | 6.27 | 3120.95 | 0.376 | 0.376 | 3120.95 | 130.0396 | 2.50 | grout4 |
| | | 17.35 | 3138.3 | 0.376 | 0 | 3138.3 | 130.7625 | 2.50 | |
| 12/19/2012 | 9:15 | 6.85 | 3145.15 | 0.418 | 0.418 | 3145.15 | 131.0479 | 2.91 | grout5 |
| | | 15.73 | 3160.88 | 0.418 | 0 | 3160.88 | 131.7033 | 2.91 | |
| 12/20/2012 | 8:25 | 6.1 | 3166.98 | 0.363 | 0.363 | 3166.98 | 131.9575 | 3.28 | grout6 |
| | | 186.77 | 3353.75 | 0.363 | 0 | 3353.75 | 139.7396 | 3.28 | |
| 12/28/2012 | 9:17 | 6.23 | 3359.98 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 3359.98 | 139.9992 | 3.65 | grout7 |
| | | 1840.52 | 5200.5 | 0.37 | 0 | 5200.5 | 216.6875 | 3.65 | |
| 3/15/2013 | 8:02 | 8.82 | 5209.32 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 5209.32 | 217.055 | 4.15 | grout8 |
| | | 64.02 | 5273.34 | 0.5 | 0 | 5273.34 | 219.7225 | 4.15 | |
| 3/18/2013 | 8:52 | 8.02 | 5281.36 | 0.497 | 0.497 | 5281.36 | 220.0567 | 4.64 | grout9 |
| | | 15.83 | 5297.19 | 0.497 | 0 | 5297.19 | 220.7163 | 4.64 | |
| 3/19/2013 | 8:43 | 8.18 | 5305.37 | 0.509 | 0.509 | 5305.37 | 221.0571 | 5.15 | grout10 |
| | | 15.07 | 5320.44 | 0.509 | 0 | 5320.44 | 221.685 | 5.15 | |
| 3/20/2013 | 7:58 | 8.93 | 5329.37 | 0.535 | 0.535 | 5329.37 | 222.0571 | 5.69 | grout11 |
| | | 280 | 5609.37 | 0.535 | 0 | 5609.37 | 233.7238 | 5.69 | |
| 4/1/2013 | 8:54 | 7.67 | 5617.04 | 0.474 | 0.474 | 5617.04 | 234.0433 | 6.16 | grout12 |
| | | 15.85 | 5632.89 | 0.474 | 0 | 5632.89 | 234.7038 | 6.16 | |
| 4/2/2013 | 8:25 | 8.28 | 5641.17 | 0.515 | 0.515 | 5641.17 | 235.0488 | 6.68 | grout13 |
| | | 39.53 | 5680.7 | 0.515 | 0 | 5680.7 | 236.6958 | 6.68 | |
| 4/4/2013 | 8:14 | 8.47 | 5689.17 | 0.508 | 0.508 | 5689.17 | 237.0488 | 7.19 | grout14 |
| | | 16 | 5705.17 | 0.508 | 0 | 5705.17 | 237.7154 | 7.19 | |
| 4/5/2013 | 8:42 | 7.85 | 5713.02 | 0.486 | 0.486 | 5713.02 | 238.0425 | 7.67 | grout15 |
| | | 15.13 | 5728.15 | 0.486 | 0 | 5728.15 | 238.6729 | 7.67 | |
| 4/6/2013 | 7:41 | 6.63 | 5734.78 | 0.393 | 0.393 | 5734.78 | 238.9492 | 8.06 | grout16 |
| | | 186.22 | 5921 | 0.393 | 0 | 5921 | 246.7083 | 8.06 | |
| 4/14/2013 | 8:32 | 7.97 | 5928.97 | 0.491 | 0.491 | 5928.97 | 247.0404 | 8.56 | grout17 |
| | | 15.68 | 5944.65 | 0.491 | 0 | 5944.65 | 247.6938 | 8.56 | |

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| 4/15/2013 | 8:11 | 8.02 | 5952.67 | 0.461 | 0.461 | 5952.67 | 248.0279 | 9.02 | grout18 |
| | | 16.3 | 5968.97 | 0.461 | 0 | 5968.97 | 248.7071 | 9.02 | |
| Date | time | hours | hours | Adding (ft) | Δh (ft) | Hours | days | h(ft) | name |
| 4/16/2013 | 8:30 | 8.13 | 5977.1 | 0.495 | 0.495 | 5977.1 | 249.0458 | 9.51 | grout19 |
| | | 15.32 | 5992.42 | 0.495 | 0 | 5992.42 | 249.6842 | 9.51 | |
| 4/17/2013 | 7:57 | 8.82 | 6001.24 | 0.526 | 0.526 | 6001.24 | 250.0517 | 10.04 | grout20 |
| | | 39.28 | 6040.52 | 0.526 | 0 | 6040.52 | 251.6883 | 10.04 | |
| 4/19/2013 | 8:03 | 8.32 | 6048.84 | 0.487 | 0.487 | 6048.84 | 252.035 | 10.52 | grout21 |
| | | 40.13 | 6088.97 | 0.487 | 0 | 6088.97 | 253.7071 | 10.52 | |
| 4/21/2013 | 8:30 | 1.27 | 6090.24 | 0.044 | 0.044 | 6090.24 | 253.76 | 10.57 | grout22 |
| | | 95.18 | 6185.42 | 0.044 | 0 | 6185.42 | 257.7258 | 10.57 | |
| 4/25/2013 | 9:27 | 1.43 | 6186.85 | 0.052 | 0.052 | 6186.85 | 257.7854 | 10.62 | grout23 |
| | | 1462.13 | 7648.98 | 0.052 | 0 | 7648.98 | 318.7075 | 10.62 | |
| 6/25/2013 | 9:01 | 6.33 | 7655.31 | 0.377 | 0.377 | 7655.31 | 318.9713 | 11.00 | grout24 |
| | | 17.82 | 7673.13 | 0.377 | 0 | 7673.13 | 319.7138 | 11.00 | |
| 6/26/2013 | 9:10 | 6.35 | 7679.48 | 0.382 | 0.382 | 7679.48 | 319.9783 | 11.38 | grout25 |
| | | 858.78 | 8538.26 | 0.382 | 0 | 8538.26 | 355.7608 | 11.38 | |
| 8/1/2013 | 10:18 | 6.08 | 8544.34 | 0.359 | 0.359 | 8544.34 | 356.0142 | 11.74 | grout26 |
| | | 40.65 | 8584.99 | 0.359 | 0 | 8584.99 | 357.7079 | 11.74 | |
| 8/3/2013 | 9:02 | 7.37 | 8592.36 | 0.448 | 0.448 | 8592.36 | 358.015 | 12.19 | grout27 |
| | | 17.77 | 8610.13 | 0.448 | 0 | 8610.13 | 358.7554 | 12.19 | |
| 8/4/2013 | 10:10 | 6.48 | 8616.61 | 0.391 | 0.391 | 8616.61 | 359.0254 | 12.58 | grout28 |
| | | 15.72 | 8632.33 | 0.391 | 0 | 8632.33 | 359.6804 | 12.58 | |
| 8/5/2013 | 8:22 | 8.25 | 8640.58 | 0.508 | 0.508 | 8640.58 | 360.0242 | 13.09 | grout29 |
| | | 16.13 | 8656.71 | 0.508 | 0 | 8656.71 | 360.6963 | 13.09 | |
| 8/6/2013 | 8:45 | 7.68 | 8664.39 | 0.471 | 0.471 | 8664.39 | 361.0163 | 13.56 | grout30 |
| | | 16 | 8680.39 | 0.471 | 0 | 8680.39 | 361.6829 | 13.56 | |
| 8/7/2013 | 8:23 | 8.12 | 8688.51 | 0.495 | 0.495 | 8688.51 | 362.0213 | 14.05 | grout31 |
| | | 16.25 | 8704.76 | 0.495 | 0 | 8704.76 | 362.6983 | 14.05 | |
| 8/8/2013 | 8:45 | 7.52 | 8712.28 | 0.463 | 0.463 | 8712.28 | 363.0117 | 14.51 | grout32 |
| | | 16.78 | 8729.06 | 0.463 | 0 | 8729.06 | 363.7108 | 14.51 | |
| 8/9/2013 | 9:03 | 7.5 | 8736.56 | 0.462 | 0.462 | 8736.56 | 364.0233 | 14.98 | grout33 |
| | | 15.72 | 8752.28 | 0.462 | 0 | 8752.28 | 364.6783 | 14.98 | |
| 8/10/2013 | 8:16 | 8.25 | 8760.53 | 0.508 | 0.508 | 8760.53 | 365.0221 | 15.48 | grout34 |
| | | 16.1 | 8776.63 | 0.508 | 0 | 8776.63 | 365.6929 | 15.48 | |
| 8/11/2013 | 8:37 | 8.2 | 8784.83 | 0.509 | 0.509 | 8784.83 | 366.0346 | 15.99 | grout35 |
| | | 18.28 | 8803.11 | 0.509 | 0 | 8803.11 | 366.7963 | 15.99 | |
| 8/12/2013 | 11:06 | 4.93 | 8808.04 | 0.286 | 0.286 | 8808.04 | 367.0017 | 16.28 | grout36 |
| | | 40.58 | 8848.62 | 0.286 | 0 | 8848.62 | 368.6925 | 16.28 | |
| 8/14/2013 | 8:37 | 8.1 | 8856.72 | 0.493 | 0.493 | 8856.72 | 369.03 | 16.77 | grout37 |
| | | 39.63 | 8896.35 | 0.493 | 0 | 8896.35 | 370.6813 | 16.77 | |

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| 8/16/2013 | 8:21 | 8.12 | 8904.47 | 0.486 | 0.486 | 8904.47 | 371.0196 | 17.26 | grout38 |
| | | 2801.43 | 11705.9 | 0.486 | 0 | 11705.9 | 487.7458 | 17.26 | |
| Date | time | hours | hours | Adding (ft) | Δh (ft) | Hours | days | h(ft) | name |
| 12/11/2013 | 9:54 | 5.27 | 11711.17 | 0.286 | 0.286 | 11711.17 | 487.9654 | 17.54 | grout39 |
| | | 113.8 | 11824.97 | 0.286 | 0 | 11824.97 | 492.7071 | 17.54 | |
| 12/16/2013 | 8:58 | 4.03 | 11829 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 11829 | 492.875 | 17.77 | grout40 |
| | | 67.35 | 11896.35 | 0.23 | 0 | 11896.35 | 495.6813 | 17.77 | |
| 12/19/2013 | 8:21 | 0.68 | 11897.03 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 11897.03 | 495.7096 | 17.78 | neglected |
| | | 1.67 | 11898.7 | 0.002 | 0 | 11898.7 | 495.7792 | 17.78 | |
| 12/19/2013 | 10:42 | 0.55 | 11899.25 | 0 | 0 | 11899.25 | 495.8021 | 17.78 | |
| | | 3622.9 | 15522.15 | 0 | 0 | 15522.15 | 646.7563 | 17.78 | |
| 5/19/2014 | 10:09 | 4.8 | 15526.95 | 0.269 | 0.269 | 15526.95 | 646.9563 | 18.05 | grout41 |
| | | 18.02 | 15544.97 | 0.269 | 0 | 15544.97 | 647.7071 | 18.05 | |
| 5/20/2014 | 8:58 | 5.95 | 15550.92 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 15550.92 | 647.955 | 18.38 | grout42 |
| | | 18.63 | 15569.55 | 0.33 | 0 | 15569.55 | 648.7313 | 18.38 | |
| 5/21/2014 | 9:33 | 3.22 | 15572.77 | 0.206 | 0.206 | 15572.77 | 648.8654 | 18.58 | grout43 |
| | | 140.75 | 15713.52 | 0.206 | 0 | 15713.52 | 654.73 | 18.58 | |
| 5/27/2014 | 9:31 | 0.63 | 15714.15 | 0 | 0 | 15714.15 | 654.7563 | 18.58 | |
| | | 22.53 | 15736.68 | 0 | 0 | 15736.68 | 655.695 | 18.58 | |
| 5/28/2014 | 8:41 | 6.27 | 15742.95 | 0.384 | 0.384 | 15742.95 | 655.9563 | 18.97 | grout44 |
| | | 17.95 | 15760.9 | 0.384 | 0 | 15760.9 | 656.7042 | 18.97 | |
| 5/29/2014 | 8:54 | 5.97 | 15766.87 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 15766.87 | 656.9529 | 19.33 | grout45 |
| | | 114.8 | 15881.67 | 0.36 | 0 | 15881.67 | 661.7363 | 19.33 | |
| 6/3/2014 | 9:40 | 5.25 | 15886.92 | 0.317 | 0.317 | 15886.92 | 661.955 | 19.64 | grout46 |
| | | 42 | 15928.92 | 0.317 | 0 | 15928.92 | 663.705 | 19.64 | |
| 6/5/2014 | 8:55 | 6.02 | 15934.94 | 0.334 | 0.334 | 15934.94 | 663.9558 | 19.98 | grout47 |
| | | 89.68 | 16024.62 | 0.334 | 0 | 16024.62 | 667.6925 | 19.98 | |
| 6/9/2014 | 8:37 | 6.32 | 16030.94 | 0.385 | 0.385 | 16030.94 | 667.9558 | 20.36 | grout48 |
| | | 17.8 | 16048.74 | 0.385 | 0 | 16048.74 | 668.6975 | 20.36 | |
| 6/10/2014 | 8:44 | 6.2 | 16054.94 | 0.371 | 0.371 | 16054.94 | 668.9558 | 20.73 | grout49 |
| | | 17.37 | 16072.31 | 0.371 | 0 | 16072.31 | 669.6796 | 20.73 | |
| 6/11/2014 | 8:18 | 3.98 | 16076.29 | 0.197 | 0.197 | 16076.29 | 669.8454 | 20.93 | grout50 |
| | 12:17 | (239 minutes poured, = 3.98 hours operated) | | | | | | | |

A-4. Grout pouring schedule used for the thermal analysis of SDU 6

| Based on 150 gpm grout pour, 295 hours pour, 1118 hours break | | | | | |
|---|-------|------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Operational time | | | Grout height | Grout aging | Model source |
| Date | hours | days | feet | (hours) | name |
| 1/1/2017 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 6 | grout 1 |
| | 12 | 0.5 | 0.1307 | 6 | grout 2 |
| 1/2/2017 | 24 | 1.0 | 0.2614 | 6 | grout 3 |
| | 36 | 1.5 | 0.3921 | 6 | grout 4 |
| 1/3/2017 | 48 | 2.0 | 0.5228 | 6 | grout 5 |
| | 60 | 2.5 | 0.6535 | 6 | grout 6 |
| 1/4/2017 | 72 | 3.0 | 0.7842 | 6 | grout 7 |
| | 84 | 3.5 | 0.9149 | 6 | grout 8 |
| 1/5/2017 | 96 | 4.0 | 1.0456 | 6 | grout 9 |
| | 108 | 4.5 | 1.1763 | 6 | grout 10 |
| 1/6/2017 | 120 | 5.0 | 1.307 | 6 | grout 11 |
| | 132 | 5.5 | 1.4377 | 6 | grout 12 |
| 1/7/2017 | 144 | 6.0 | 1.5684 | 6 | grout 13 |
| | 156 | 6.5 | 1.6991 | 6 | grout 14 |
| 1/8/2017 | 168 | 7.0 | 1.8298 | 6 | grout 15 |
| | 180 | 7.5 | 1.9605 | 6 | grout 16 |
| 1/9/2017 | 192 | 8.0 | 2.0912 | 6 | grout 17 |
| | 204 | 8.5 | 2.2219 | 6 | grout 18 |
| 1/10/2017 | 216 | 9.0 | 2.3526 | 6 | grout 19 |
| | 228 | 9.5 | 2.4833 | 6 | grout 20 |
| 1/11/2017 | 240 | 10.0 | 2.614 | 6 | grout 21 |
| | 252 | 10.5 | 2.7447 | 6 | grout 22 |
| 1/12/2017 | 264 | 11.0 | 2.8754 | 6 | grout 23 |
| | 276 | 11.5 | 3.0061 | 6 | grout 24 |
| 1/13/2017 | 288 | 12.0 | 3.1368 | 3.5 | grout 25 |
| End pour | 295 | 12.3 | 3.213 | 147.5 | End pour |
| 1/14/2017 | 312 | 13.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |
| 1/15/2017 | 336 | 14.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |
| 1/16/2017 | 360 | 15.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |
| 2/25/2017 | 1320 | 55.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |
| 2/26/2017 | 1344 | 56.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2/27/2017 | 1368 | 57.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |
| 2/28/2017 | 1392 | 58.0 | 3.213 | | Idling |
| 2/28/2017 | 1413 | 58.9 | 3.213 | 7.5 | grout26 start |
| Date | hours | days | feet | (hours) | name |
| 3/1/2017 | 1416 | 59.0 | | | |
| | 1428 | 59.5 | 3.3764 | 6 | grout27 |
| 3/2/2017 | 1440 | 60.0 | 3.5071 | 6 | grout28 |
| | 1452 | 60.5 | 3.6378 | 6 | grout29 |
| 3/3/2017 | 1464 | 61.0 | 3.7685 | 6 | grout30 |
| | 1476 | 61.5 | 3.8992 | 6 | grout31 |
| 3/4/2017 | 1488 | 62.0 | 4.0299 | 6 | grout32 |
| | 1500 | 62.5 | 4.1606 | 6 | grout33 |
| 3/5/2017 | 1512 | 63.0 | 4.2913 | 6 | grout34 |
| | 1524 | 63.5 | 4.422 | 6 | grout35 |
| 3/6/2017 | 1536 | 64.0 | 4.5527 | 6 | grout36 |
| | 1548 | 64.5 | 4.6834 | 6 | grout37 |
| 3/7/2017 | 1560 | 65.0 | 4.8141 | 6 | grout38 |
| | 1572 | 65.5 | 4.9448 | 6 | grout39 |
| 3/8/2017 | 1584 | 66.0 | 5.0755 | 6 | grout40 |
| | 1596 | 66.5 | 5.2062 | 6 | grout41 |
| 3/9/2017 | 1608 | 67.0 | 5.3369 | 6 | grout42 |
| | 1620 | 67.5 | 5.4676 | 6 | grout43 |
| 3/10/2017 | 1632 | 68.0 | 5.5983 | 6 | grout44 |
| | 1644 | 68.5 | 5.729 | 6 | grout45 |
| 3/11/2017 | 1656 | 69.0 | 5.8597 | 6 | grout46 |
| | 1668 | 69.5 | 5.9904 | 6 | grout47 |
| 3/12/2017 | 1680 | 70.0 | 6.1211 | 6 | grout48 |
| 3/12/2017 | 1692 | 70.5 | 6.2518 | 8 | grout49 |
| 3/13/2017 | 1704 | 71.0 | | | |
| | 1708 | 71.2 | 6.4261 | 147.5 | End pour |
| 3/14/2017 | 1728 | 72.0 | 6.4261 | | Idling |
| 3/15/2017 | 1752 | 73.0 | 6.4261 | | Idling |
| 3/16/2017 | 1776 | 74.0 | 6.4261 | | Idling |
| 4/26/2017 | 2760 | 115.0 | 6.4261 | | Idling |
| 4/27/2017 | 2784 | 116.0 | 6.4261 | | Idling |
| 4/28/2017 | 2808 | 117.0 | 6.4261 | | Idling |
| | 2826 | 117.8 | 6.4261 | 3 | grout50 |
| 4/29/2017 | 2832 | 118.0 | 6.4914 | 6 | grout51 |
| | 2844 | 118.5 | 6.6221 | 6 | grout52 |
| 4/30/2017 | 2856 | 119.0 | 6.7528 | 6 | grout53 |

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| | 2868 | 119.5 | 6.8835 | 6 | grout54 |
| 5/1/2017 | 2880 | 120.0 | 7.0142 | 6 | grout55 |
| | 2892 | 120.5 | 7.1449 | 6 | grout56 |

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| 5/2/2017 | 2904 | 121.0 | 7.2756 | 6 | grout57 |
| | 2916 | 121.5 | 7.4063 | 6 | grout58 |
| 5/3/2017 | 2928 | 122.0 | 7.537 | 6 | grout59 |
| | 2940 | 122.5 | 7.6677 | 6 | grout60 |
| 5/4/2017 | 2952 | 123.0 | 7.7984 | 6 | grout61 |
| | 2964 | 123.5 | 7.9291 | 6 | grout62 |
| 5/5/2017 | 2976 | 124.0 | 8.0598 | 6 | grout63 |
| | 2988 | 124.5 | 8.1905 | 6 | grout64 |
| 5/6/2017 | 3000 | 125.0 | 8.3212 | 6 | grout65 |
| | 3012 | 125.5 | 8.4519 | 6 | grout66 |
| 5/7/2017 | 3024 | 126.0 | 8.5826 | 6 | grout67 |
| | 3036 | 126.5 | 8.7133 | 6 | grout68 |
| 5/8/2017 | 3048 | 127.0 | 8.844 | 6 | grout69 |
| | 3060 | 127.5 | 8.9747 | 6 | grout70 |
| 5/9/2017 | 3072 | 128.0 | 9.1054 | 6 | grout71 |
| | 3084 | 128.5 | 9.2361 | 6 | grout72 |
| 5/10/2017 | 3096 | 129.0 | 9.3668 | 6 | grout73 |
| | 3108 | 129.5 | 9.4975 | 6.5 | grout74 |
| 5/11/2017 | 3120 | 130.0 | | | |
| | 3121 | 130.0 | 9.6391 | 147.5 | End pour |
| 5/12/2017 | 3144 | 131.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 5/13/2017 | 3168 | 132.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 5/14/2017 | 3192 | 133.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 5/15/2017 | 3216 | 134.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 5/16/2017 | 3240 | 135.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 6/23/2017 | 4152 | 173.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 6/24/2017 | 4176 | 174.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 6/25/2017 | 4200 | 175.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| 6/26/2017 | 4224 | 176.0 | 9.6391 | | Idling |
| | 4239 | 176.6 | 9.6391 | 4.5 | grout 75 |
| 6/27/2017 | 4248 | 177.0 | 9.7371 | 6 | grout 76 |
| | 4260 | 177.5 | 9.8678 | 6 | grout 77 |
| 6/28/2017 | 4272 | 178.0 | 9.9985 | 6 | grout 78 |
| | 4284 | 178.5 | 10.1292 | 6 | grout 79 |
| 6/29/2017 | 4296 | 179.0 | 10.2599 | 6 | grout 80 |
| | 4308 | 179.5 | 10.3906 | 6 | grout 81 |
| 6/30/2017 | 4320 | 180.0 | 10.5213 | 6 | grout 82 |
| | 4332 | 180.5 | 10.652 | 6 | grout 83 |
| 7/1/2017 | 4344 | 181.0 | 10.7827 | 6 | grout 84 |

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| | 4356 | 181.5 | 10.9134 | 6 | grout 85 |
| 7/2/2017 | 4368 | 182.0 | 11.0441 | 6 | grout 86 |
| | 4380 | 182.5 | 11.1748 | 6 | grout 87 |
| 7/3/2017 | 4392 | 183.0 | 11.3055 | 6 | grout 88 |
| | 4404 | 183.5 | 11.4362 | 6 | grout 89 |
| 7/4/2017 | 4416 | 184.0 | 11.5669 | 6 | grout 90 |
| | 4428 | 184.5 | 11.6976 | 6 | grout 91 |
| 7/5/2017 | 4440 | 185.0 | 11.8283 | 6 | grout 92 |
| | 4452 | 185.5 | 11.959 | 6 | grout 93 |
| 7/6/2017 | 4464 | 186.0 | 12.0897 | 6 | grout 94 |
| | 4476 | 186.5 | 12.2204 | 6 | grout 95 |
| 7/7/2017 | 4488 | 187.0 | 12.3511 | 6 | grout 96 |
| | 4500 | 187.5 | 12.4818 | 6 | grout 97 |
| 7/8/2017 | 4512 | 188.0 | 12.6125 | 6 | grout 98 |
| | 4524 | 188.5 | 12.7432 | 5 | grout 99 |
| 7/8/2017 | 4534 | 188.9 | 12.8521 | 147.5 | End pour |
| 7/9/2017 | 4536 | 189.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 7/10/2017 | 4560 | 190.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 7/11/2017 | 4584 | 191.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 7/12/2017 | 4608 | 192.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 7/13/2017 | 4632 | 193.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 8/20/2017 | 5544 | 231.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 8/21/2017 | 5568 | 232.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 8/22/2017 | 5592 | 233.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 8/23/2017 | 5616 | 234.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| 8/24/2017 | 5640 | 235.0 | 12.8521 | | Idling |
| | 5652 | 235.5 | 12.8521 | 6 | grout100 |
| 8/25/2017 | 5664 | 236.0 | 12.9828 | 6 | grout101 |
| | 5676 | 236.5 | 13.1135 | 6 | grout102 |
| 8/26/2017 | 5688 | 237.0 | 13.2442 | 6 | grout103 |
| | 5700 | 237.5 | 13.3749 | 6 | grout104 |
| 8/27/2017 | 5712 | 238.0 | 13.5056 | 6 | grout105 |
| | 5724 | 238.5 | 13.6363 | 6 | grout106 |
| 8/28/2017 | 5736 | 239.0 | 13.767 | 6 | grout107 |
| | 5748 | 239.5 | 13.8977 | 6 | grout108 |
| 8/29/2017 | 5760 | 240.0 | 14.0284 | 6 | grout109 |
| | 5772 | 240.5 | 14.1591 | 6 | grout110 |
| 8/30/2017 | 5784 | 241.0 | 14.2898 | 6 | grout111 |
| | 5796 | 241.5 | 14.4205 | 6 | grout112 |

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| 8/31/2017 | 5808 | 242.0 | 14.5512 | 6 | grout113 |
| | 5820 | 242.5 | 14.6819 | 6 | grout114 |
| 9/1/2017 | 5832 | 243.0 | 14.8126 | 6 | grout115 |
| | 5844 | 243.5 | 14.9433 | 6 | grout116 |
| 9/2/2017 | 5856 | 244.0 | 15.074 | 6 | grout117 |
| | 5868 | 244.5 | 15.2047 | 6 | grout118 |
| 9/3/2017 | 5880 | 245.0 | 15.3354 | 6 | grout119 |
| | 5892 | 245.5 | 15.4661 | 6 | grout120 |
| 9/4/2017 | 5904 | 246.0 | 15.5968 | 6 | grout121 |
| | 5916 | 246.5 | 15.7275 | 6 | grout122 |
| 9/5/2017 | 5928 | 247.0 | 15.8582 | 6 | grout123 |
| | 5940 | 247.5 | 15.9889 | 3.5 | grout124 |
| | 5947 | 247.8 | 16.0652 | 147.5 | End pour |
| 9/6/2017 | 5952 | 248.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 9/7/2017 | 5976 | 249.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 9/8/2017 | 6000 | 250.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 9/9/2017 | 6024 | 251.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 9/10/2017 | 6048 | 252.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 10/19/2017 | 6984 | 291.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 10/20/2017 | 7008 | 292.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 10/21/2017 | 7032 | 293.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| 10/22/2017 | 7056 | 294.0 | 16.0652 | | Idling |
| | 7065 | 294.4 | 16.0652 | 7.5 | grout125 |
| | 7077 | 294.9 | 16.1959 | | |
| 10/23/2017 | 7080 | 295.0 | 16.2286 | 6 | grout126 |
| | 7092 | 295.5 | 16.3593 | 6 | grout127 |
| 10/24/2017 | 7104 | 296.0 | 16.49 | 6 | grout128 |
| | 7116 | 296.5 | 16.6207 | 6 | grout129 |
| 10/25/2017 | 7128 | 297.0 | 16.7514 | 6 | grout130 |
| | 7140 | 297.5 | 16.8821 | 6 | grout131 |
| 10/26/2017 | 7152 | 298.0 | 17.0128 | 6 | grout132 |
| | 7164 | 298.5 | 17.1435 | 6 | grout133 |
| 10/27/2017 | 7176 | 299.0 | 17.2742 | 6 | grout134 |
| | 7188 | 299.5 | 17.4049 | 6 | grout135 |
| 10/28/2017 | 7200 | 300.0 | 17.5356 | 6 | grout136 |
| | 7212 | 300.5 | 17.6663 | 6 | grout137 |
| 10/29/2017 | 7224 | 301.0 | 17.797 | 6 | grout138 |
| | 7236 | 301.5 | 17.9277 | 6 | grout139 |
| 10/30/2017 | 7248 | 302.0 | 18.0584 | 6 | grout140 |

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| | 7260 | 302.5 | 18.1891 | 6 | grout141 |
| 10/31/2017 | 7272 | 303.0 | 18.3198 | 6 | grout142 |
| | 7284 | 303.5 | 18.4505 | 6 | grout143 |
| 11/1/2017 | 7296 | 304.0 | 18.5812 | 6 | grout144 |
| | 7308 | 304.5 | 18.7119 | 6 | grout145 |
| 11/2/2017 | 7320 | 305.0 | 18.8426 | 6 | grout146 |
| | 7332 | 305.5 | 18.9733 | 6 | grout147 |
| 11/3/2017 | 7344 | 306.0 | 19.104 | 8 | grout148 |
| | 7356 | 306.5 | 19.2347 | | |
| | 7360 | 306.7 | 19.2783 | 147.5 | End pour |
| 11/4/2017 | 7368 | 307.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 11/5/2017 | 7392 | 308.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 11/6/2017 | 7416 | 309.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 11/7/2017 | 7440 | 310.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 12/16/2017 | 8376 | 349.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 12/17/2017 | 8400 | 350.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 12/18/2017 | 8424 | 351.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 12/19/2017 | 8448 | 352.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| 12/20/2017 | 8472 | 353.0 | 19.2783 | | Idling |
| | 8478 | 353.3 | 19.2783 | 6 | grout149 |
| | 8490 | 353.8 | 19.409 | 3 | grout150 |
| 12/21/2017 | 8496 | 354.0 | 19.4743 | 6 | grout151 |
| | 8508 | 354.5 | 19.605 | 6 | grout152 |
| 12/22/2017 | 8520 | 355.0 | 19.7357 | 6 | grout153 |
| | 8532 | 355.5 | 19.8664 | 6 | grout154 |
| 12/23/2017 | 8544 | 356.0 | 19.9971 | 6 | grout155 |
| | 8556 | 356.5 | 20.1278 | 6 | grout156 |
| 12/24/2017 | 8568 | 357.0 | 20.2585 | 6 | grout157 |
| | 8580 | 357.5 | 20.3892 | 6 | grout158 |
| 12/25/2017 | 8592 | 358.0 | 20.5199 | 6 | grout159 |
| | 8604 | 358.5 | 20.6506 | 6 | grout160 |
| 12/26/2017 | 8616 | 359.0 | 20.7813 | 6 | grout161 |
| | 8628 | 359.5 | 20.912 | 6 | grout162 |
| 12/27/2017 | 8640 | 360.0 | 21.0427 | 6 | grout163 |
| | 8652 | 360.5 | 21.1734 | 6 | grout164 |
| 12/28/2017 | 8664 | 361.0 | 21.3041 | 6 | grout165 |
| | 8676 | 361.5 | 21.4348 | 6 | grout166 |
| 12/29/2017 | 8688 | 362.0 | 21.5655 | 6 | grout167 |
| | 8700 | 362.5 | 21.6962 | 6 | grout168 |

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| 12/30/2017 | 8712 | 363.0 | 21.8269 | 6 | grout169 |
| | 8724 | 363.5 | 21.9576 | 6 | grout170 |
| 12/31/2017 | 8736 | 364.0 | 22.0883 | 6 | grout171 |
| | 8748 | 364.5 | 22.219 | 6 | grout172 |
| 1/1/2018 | 8760 | 365.0 | 22.3497 | 6.5 | grout173 |
| | 8773 | 365.5 | 22.4913 | | |
| | | | | 147.5 | End pour |

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The pdf files for the computer input files will be distributed separately.

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